

# *Platanus occidentalis*

## American Sycamore

Along with *Liriodendron tulipifera*, Tulip Tree, this species is one of the tallest of the native eastern North American deciduous trees. In southern Ohio, where I grew up, American Sycamore was a common fixture along every stream and river. In most respects, the habit is similar to that of London Planetree, except the bark is more creamy and the 1½-in.-diameter, rounded fruit occur singly (those of *P. ×acerifolia* occur in twos). Prefers deep, moist soils and requires abundant space. A great and noble tree. Use for naturalized plantings along streams, in groves, or as a single specimen. Grows 75 to 100 ft. high, similar spread. Zones 4 to 9. Maine to Ontario, south to Florida and Texas.



*Platanus occidentalis* fruit



*Platanus occidentalis* bark



*Platanus occidentalis*, American Sycamore



*Platanus occidentalis* in winter