

# *Alnus rhombifolia*

## White Alder

TREE - deciduous.  
10 to 90' high, 20' spread.  
Fast-growing - straight trunk and  
tiered branches.  
Dark green, finely toothed  
leaves.  
Flowers are chartreuse catkins  
— winter to spring.  
Gray bark.  
Small cone-like fruit.

Native habitat: Riparian areas  
below 9000' — throughout  
California west of the  
desert areas, to  
Washington, Idaho.

Full sun to part shade.  
Frost resistant.  
Can adapt but prefers moisture-  
retaining soils.  
Water 4 /month to keep soil  
moist.

Does well combined with lawn.  
Looks good against a dark background.



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