

# Elm American, White Elm

*Ulmus americana*

- Large, deciduous tree
- Three distinct habits:
  1. vase-shaped (most common)
  2. "oak-like" - broad and wide spreading
  3. narrow with numerous branches covering trunk, columnar
- 60' to 90' tall
- Medium growth rate
- Prefers moist, fertile soil
  
- Leaf size varies from 3" to 6" long
- Leaf surface is rough
- Dark green leaf color turns yellowish-brown in fall
  
- Bark is dark gray in color with deep ridges
- Ridges crisscross, showing different layers of bark color
  
- Dutch Elm Disease has nearly wiped out species in North America
- Aphids are another problem

