

City Slicker®

River Birch

***Betula nigra* 'Whit XXV' Cultivar**

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City Slicker® is a chance river birch seedling with exceptionally white bark, good vigor, and dark green leaves. City Slicker® is a fourth generation descendant from huge quantities of seed collected from the western-most native stand of river birch located in central Oklahoma to obtain heat and drought tolerance. In north central Oklahoma, City Slicker® has bark similar in whiteness to European white birch, *Betula pendula* and canoe birch, *Betula papyrifera* during late summer, fall, and winter. White bark develops when stems are about one inch diameter. Leaves are similar in color but smaller than Heritage® and larger than DuraHeat® under the same conditions.

Features:

- * Creamy-white bark during late summer, fall, and winter.
- * White bark develops early, when most stems are about 1.0 inch diameter.
- * Dark green leaves of moderate size, then gold in Fall (see photo).
- * Good vigor and drought tolerance.
- * Multi-stemmed trees on a single root system are easily obtained.
- * Hardy in USDA Zones 5 through 9.



Developed and patented by Dr. Carl Whitcomb, Stillwater, Oklahoma. Contact for licensing information.

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