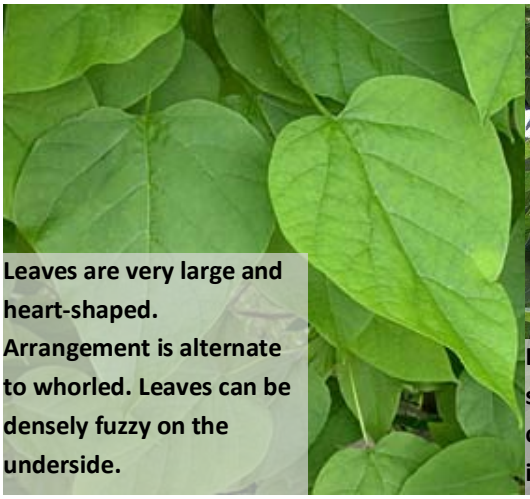
Trees with Opposite Simple Leaves

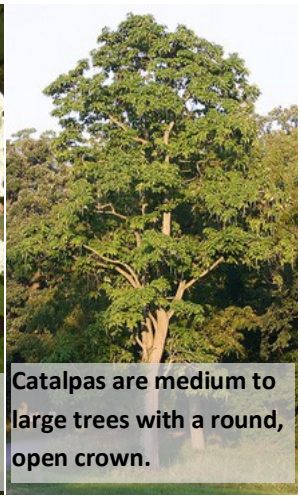
Catalpa spp.—Catalpa



Leaves are very large and heart-shaped. Arrangement is alternate to whorled. Leaves can be densely fuzzy on the underside.

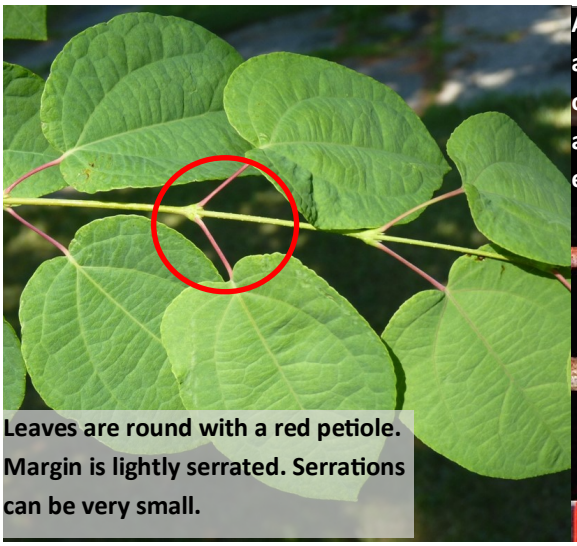
Fruit is a large slender bean that can be up to 14 inches long.

Panicles of bell-shaped white and purple showy flowers bloom in June.

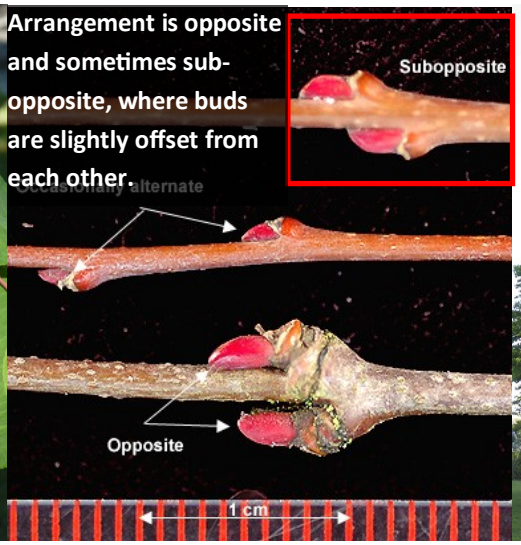


Catalpas are medium to large trees with a round, open crown.

Cercidiphyllum japonicum—Katsura



Leaves are round with a red petiole. Margin is lightly serrated. Serrations can be very small.

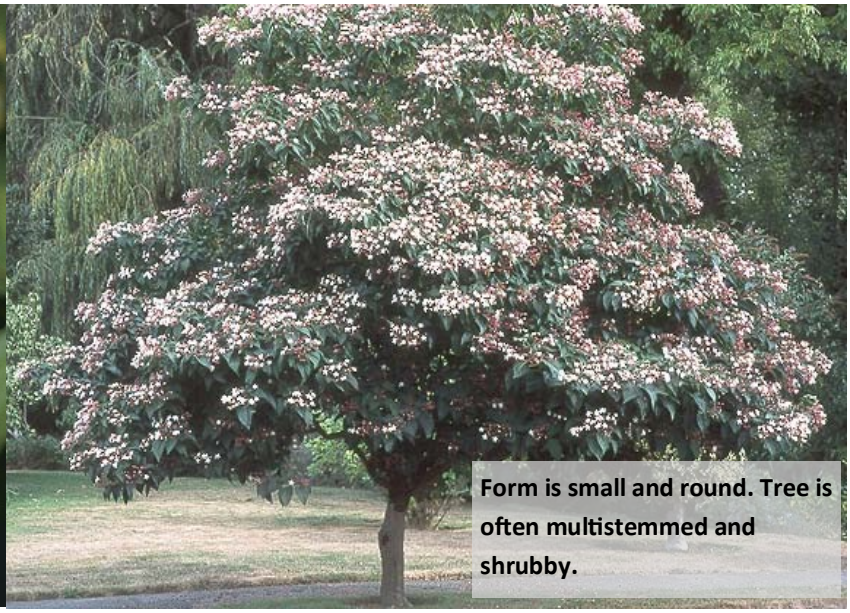


Arrangement is opposite and sometimes sub-opposite, where buds are slightly offset from each other.

Tree is medium-sized with a wide spread and teardrop shape.

Clerodendrum trichotomum—Glorybower

Leaves have an entire margin and taper to a fine tip. Leaves and twigs have a smell like peanut butter when crushed.



Form is small and round. Tree is often multistemmed and shrubby.