



ID #: 510

Owner: USFW—Little River National Wildlife Refuge

Circumference: 109 inches

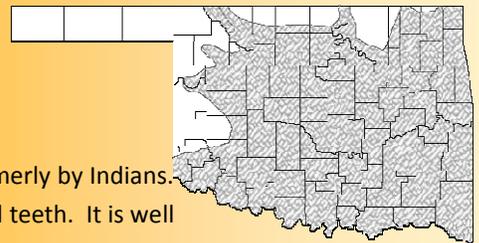
Height: 95 feet

Average Crown Spread: 73 feet

Total Points: 222.3



SUGARBERRY (*CELTIS LAEVIGATA*)



The name sugarberry describes the small fruits, which are eaten by wildlife and formerly by Indians. Easily confused with the hackberry, sugarberry has narrower leaves with none / minimal teeth. It is well adapted to urban plantings and is an attractive landscape tree.

Medium sized to large tree 60 feet high and 2 feet in diameter, with wide spreading irregular crown. **Twigs** slender, slightly zigzag, brown, becoming hairless; pith with chambers and plates. **Buds** slightly flattened and pressed against twig, pointed, light brown, slightly hairy, with about 4 scales in 2 rows; no end bud.

Leaves in 2 rows, broadly lance-shaped, 2 1/2—4 inches long, 3/4—1 1/2 inches wide, long-pointed, often curved, with 2 sides very unequal, edges without teeth or sometimes with few teeth, with 3 main veins from base, thin, dark green, hairless and usually smooth above, paler and usually hairless beneath.

Fruits (drupes) slender-stalked at leaf base, round, 1/4 inch in diameter, orange red or purple, dry and sweet with 1 seed.

Bark light gray, smoothish, thin, with prominent corky warts.

Wood yellowish or greenish gray, with thick light yellow sapwood, ring porous, moderately heavy, moderately hard. Uses included furniture, millwork, athletic goods, boxes and crates, and plywood.