

# Ironwood

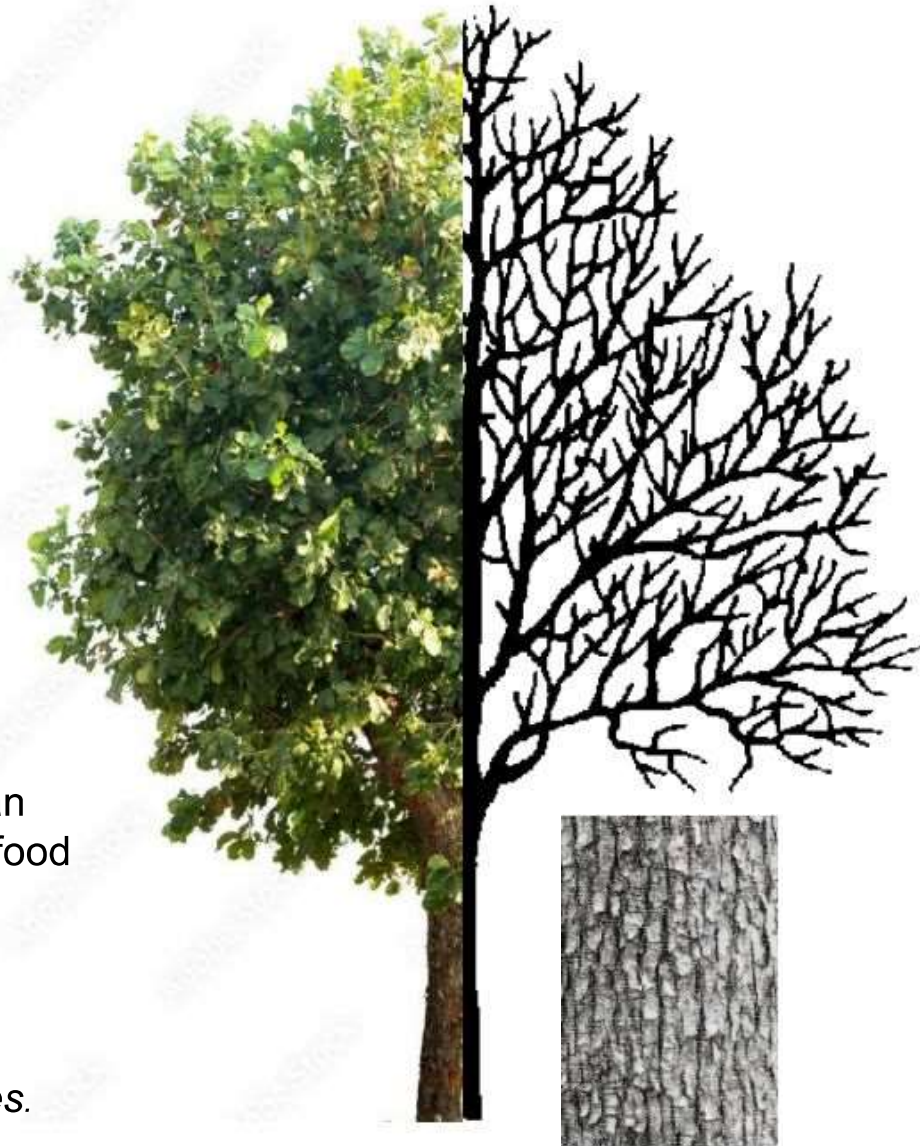
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The buds and catkins are an important source of winter food for some birds.

*Ironwood is a native species.*



The common name, Ironwood, comes from its very hard, strong, heavy wood, which is valued for making fence posts and tool handles.

Also named Hop-hornbeam because the pale yellow sacs that contain seeds resemble hops.

Indigenous Peoples have used Ironwood for crafting sharp-edged tools for tasks such as woodworking, carving, and hunting.

*Ostrya virginiana*

