

## Turkish Filbert

Alternate name: Hazelnut

### *Corylus colurna*

**Description:** Broad pyramidal, very stately and handsome in form. This tree has excellent formal character and is widely used as a street tree in Europe, but is underused in the United States.

**Height:** 40'-60'

**Leaves:** Alternate, simple, 3 to 5" long.

**Bark:** Pale brown, exfoliating when mature revealing brown or orange-brown bark underneath. Lower branches can be pruned to reveal unique bark.

**Flowers:** Male 2-3" long catkins, female inconspicuous.

**Fruit:** nut, 1/2-5/8" diameter, nuts are closely grouped, 3 or more appear in August to September

**Habitat:** Tolerant of adverse conditions. Hardy range zones 4 to 7. Well drained loamy soil is preferred, full sun, adaptable to pH. Thrives in hot summers and cold winters. Somewhat difficult to transplant and needs supplemental watering the first few summers. Once established the tree is quite drought tolerant.

**Fun Facts:** The nuts are edible, but their small size and very hard, thick nut shell makes them of little or no commercial value.

The nut, however, is important in hazelnut orchards as it does not sucker, making it the ideal rootstock on which to graft the nut-bearing cultivars.

