Hackberry (Celtis occidentalis)

Hackberry is a native tree found throughout Nebraska. It has a medium to long life span. Hackberry leaves are elm shaped; the grayish bark has a warty appearance. Once established, a moderate rate of growth and tolerance to adverse weather can be expected. Hackberry can be used in single row windbreaks to slow summer winds and increase the snow catch over fields during the winter.

Witches broom on branches and nipple-galls on lower leaf surfaces can be unsightly, but cause little adverse effect.

