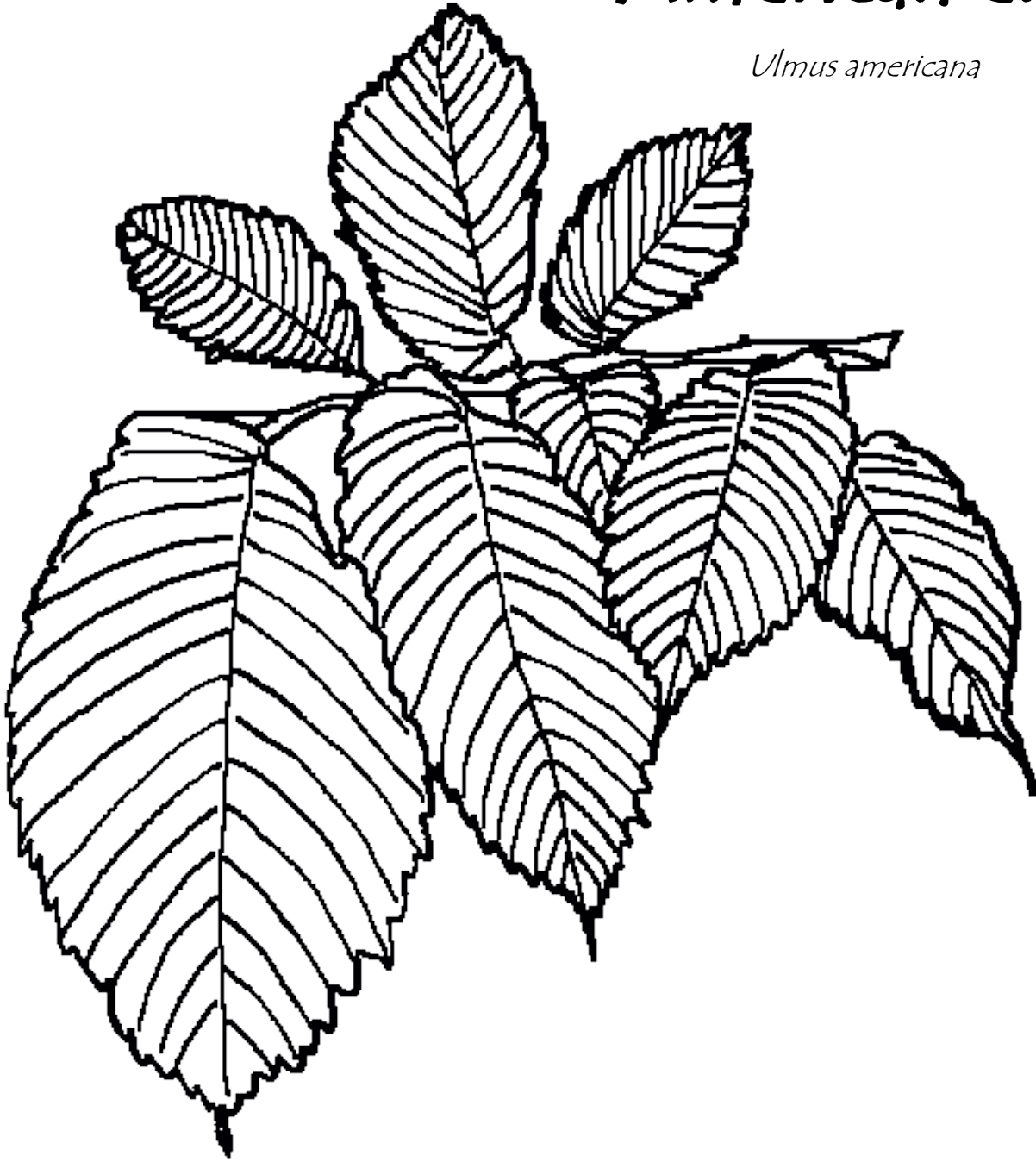


American elm

Ulmus americana



State tree of MASSACHUSETTS, NORTH DAKOTA

The American elm was a popular tree in parks and along avenues prior to 1930. It has been described as "vase-shaped" with upright arching branches forming a "green cathedral" beneath its high canopy. Look for a large tree with arching branches; rough textured oval-shaped leaf with an asymmetrical base and saw-toothed margins; flowers green and insignificant; fruits winged, discus-shaped, with a fringe of hairs around the edge.