



Fruit



Male Flowers



Height range 30-60'



1-3.5"

# Eastern Hophornbeam

*Ostrya virginiana*

## The Birch family (Betulaceae)

**Basic Description:** A small to medium sized, graceful, deciduous tree with brown, shaggy to scaly bark and alternate leaves with serrated edges. Also known as Ironwood.

**Interesting Facts:** This is one of the hardest and toughest of the native woods. The common name refers to the resemblance of the fruit clusters to hops, an ingredient of beer.

**Flower:** The male and female flowers are both catkins that appear before the leaves.

**Fruit:** A nutlet is enclosed in a papery envelope, arranged in closely packed drooping clusters that are 1.5 – 2" long.

**Wildlife Value:** The nutlets and buds are eaten by wildlife such as deer, squirrels, rabbits, and some birds.

**Habitat:** Moist to dry woodlands and forests.

### LEAF TYPE

SIMPLE



### POLLINATOR

WIND



### WILDLIFE VALUE

MEDIUM

