

witch-hazel [Hamamelidaceae](#) [Hamamelis virginiana](#) L. 

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Leaf: Alternate, simple, broadly ovate to obovate, 3 to 6 inches long, inequilateral, wavy margin (nearly dentate), petiole pubescent, dark green above and paler below.

Flower: Species is monoecious; bright yellow, with 4, 1/2 to 3/4 inch long, very slender petals (look like yellow spiders on plant), appearing in mid to late fall.

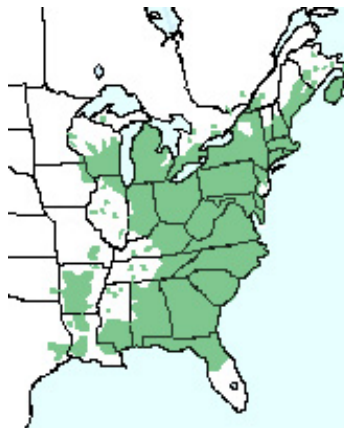
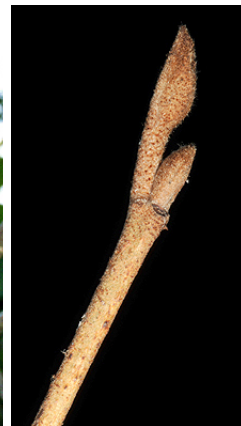
Fruit: Woody, brown capsule, 1/2 inch long and nearly as wide, containing two shiny black seeds, 1/4 inch long, seeds are forcibly discharged when capsule splits open. Maturing in late summer and old capsules are persistent.

Twig: Slender, light brown, fine pubescence; light brown vegetative buds (1/3 inch) are stalked and lack scales (resemble a deer foot, they are actually a tiny folded leaf); flower buds are small, round and occur in tight clusters from short stalks.

Bark: Smooth, gray to gray-brown even on very old stems.

Form: A small tree or shrub with arching branches, usually growing in dense multi-stemmed clumps reaching up to 20 feet tall.

Looks like: [vernal witch-hazel](#) - [witch-hazel](#) - [Persian ironwood](#) - [dwarf fothergilla](#)



Additional Range Information:
Hamamelis virginiana is native to North America. Range may be expanded by planting. [See states reporting witch-hazel.](#)

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