sweet birch
*Betula lenta*

**Code:** BELE  
**Status:** non-native

**Bark:** dark purple/brown with lenticels; cracking into stiff plates, furrowed ridges

**Foliage:** green, oval/heart-shaped, pointed tip; serrated, hairy veins and stem

**Twigs:** slender, red/brown with lenticels, spur shoots; wintergreen when crushed

**Flower:** male catkins are narrow, 2-3” long; female catkins are shorter/broader

**Fruit:** small-winged nutlets