

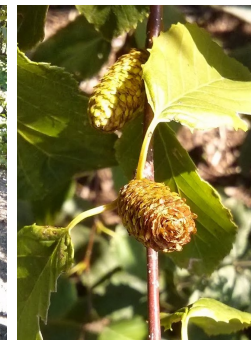


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sweet birch  
*Betula lenta*

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