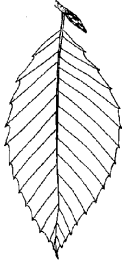


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The leaf is 4-7 inches long, coarsely saw-toothed, and pointed with many straight parallel veins running from the center outward. It is dark green above, paler below, turning yellow and brown in the fall, and often remaining attached in the winter.

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## Beech

**American Beech**

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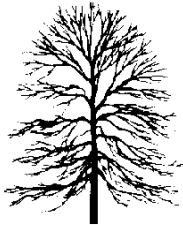
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The fruit is a short-stalked light brown, prickly casing containing the beechnut. Those seeds are characteristically three sided shiny brown nutlets. Another identifier is the bud in winter: they are thin, long, and very sharply pointed.

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The light gray bark is the trademark of the American Beech. Smooth and thin, it often invites carvers to leave their marks for posterity. As a result it is sometimes called the Signature Tree.

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The root system of the Beech is shallow and extensive, having a tendency to produce sprouts. Older trees are often surrounded by thickets of young growth. The Beech family (Fagaceae) includes not only the Chestnuts and Chinkapins, but all of the Oaks as well.

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