

Beaked and American Hazelnut

(Corylus cornuta & Corylus americana)

Blooms Late March-April

In the early spring, the drooping clusters of male flowers (left) elongate. When they open, the wind carries their pollen to the tiny ruby-colored female flowers (right) scattered along the twigs. Male catkins and female flowers occur on the same bush.

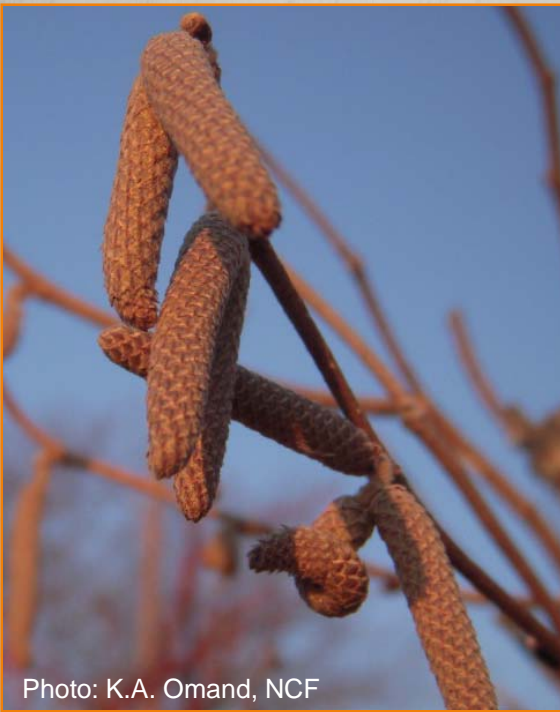


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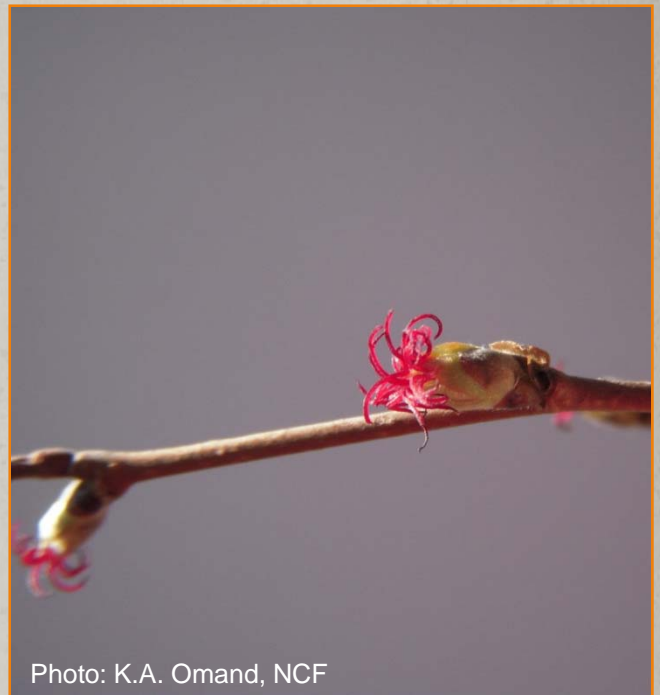


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Look along the trails and see if you can find both types of flowers. Female flowers produce fruit by late summer.

Beaked hazelnut fruits have husks resembling the head and beak of a bird; American hazelnuts have husks shaped like clam shells with a frilled edge.

