



**TYPE:**  
Deciduous



**SIZE:**  
80 feet high  
80 feet wide



**SUN:**  
Full to partial sun



**FLOWERS:**  
Insignificant



**USDA ZONES:**  
3-9



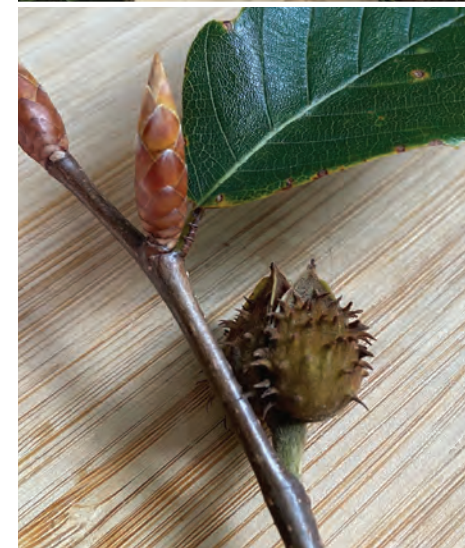
**ID TIPS:**  
Unlike most trees,  
beeches retain smooth  
bark in age.



**WILDLIFE VALUE:**  
Squirrels, chipmunks, deer,  
foxes, ducks and bluejays  
all feed on beechnuts.



**INTERESTING FACT:**  
The trunks are favorites  
for carving.



LOOK FOR SAW-  
TOOTH EDGES  
ON LEAVES



# AMERICAN BEECH

## FAGUS GRANDIFOLIA

The American beech is a large deciduous tree with a dense, upright-oval to rounded-spreading crown. Foliage turns golden brown in fall and trees hold onto leaves into the winter. Female flowers turn into pointy beechnuts covered by spiny bracts. They are easy to spot in local forests in the winter with their bronze leaves and smooth, pale bark.