

*Corylus americana*

American Filbert (page 1 of 2)

American filbert is monoecious. The male flowers are held in pendulous catkins (right and middle photo). The right photo shows male flowers closed in winter. Middle picture shows male flowers opening to release pollen in spring. The small female flowers (right) are pink.



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The fruit is an edible nut enclosed by 2 leafy bracts. Upper photo shows bracts closed. Lower left picture shows bracts partially open to expose ripening nut. Lower right shows nut nearing maturity.



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The alternate leaves are simple, with doubly toothed margins. They are 4 to 6 inches long with a long pointed tip.



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American filbert suckers to form colonies (often upright to rounded in shape). Height can vary from 10 to 15 feet.



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Stems are brown with a mix of white hairs and darker glandular hairs (most of the hairs have worn off this stem (picture taken in mid-autumn). Buds are imbricate with only a few scales.



Fall color is a good mix of orange and yellow.



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