

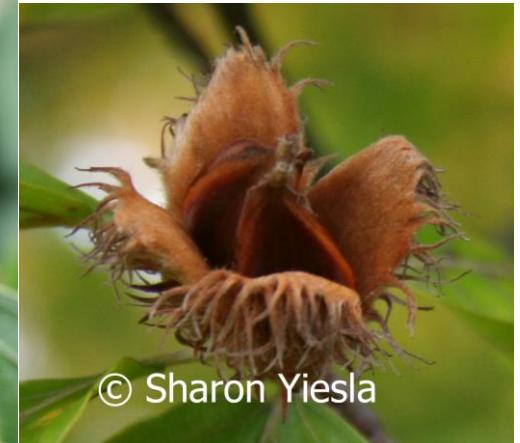
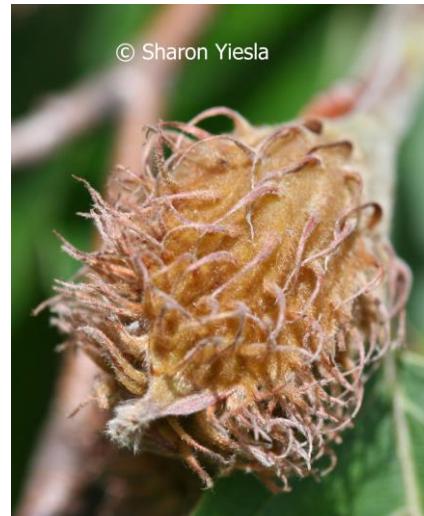
Flowers are monoecious. Male flowers are held in pendulous rounded clusters (left). The females are in pairs (arrows) and surrounded by a group of hairy scales (right).



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Fruit is a small, three-sided nut (right). Two nuts are enclosed in a prickly husk. The four-parted husk splits open in the fall to reveal the nuts.



Leaves simple and alternate; ovate with entire, wavy margins.



The imbricate buds are very long; stems are olive-brown and dotted with lenticels.





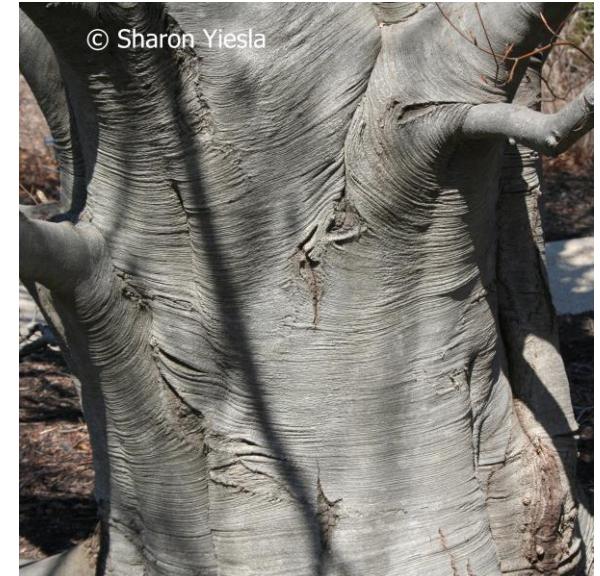
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The mature form of the tree is broadly pyramidal. Height: 40-60 feet.



Mature bark is very smooth; gray in color.



Fall color is yellow to bronze.

