

2020 February *Guess that Plant*



Ostrya virginiana L. Hop Hornbeam

The February 2020 *Guess that Plant* was a native sub-canopy tree most often observed north of Trenton. Hop hornbeam is found on well drain, moist to dry, rich upland woods and stream banks (Hough, 1983). Records exist for all northern counties , as well as Burlington and Cumberland counties. The tree is recognized by its short, spreading habit; entire, toothed, acuminate leaves; scaly bark, and fruiting cones that resemble *Humulus lupulus*, common hops.

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