

HAZEL ALDER

Genus/species	<i>Alnus serrulata</i>	
Synonyms	Common: Tag/Smooth Alder, Brookside Alder Botanical: <i>Alnus rugosa</i>	
Family	Betulaceae	
Distribution	Eastern US	S Maine southward to N Florida N Florida westward to E Texas E Texas northward to central Missouri Missouri northeastward to Maine Absent from most of Ohio and Lower Mississippi Valleys
Comments	This species, commonly seen along stream banks and other moist areas at low elevations of the outtheastern US, is also known as Tag/Smooth Alder. It is a large shrub or small tree. Leaves are about 2 to 4 inches long and somewhat more than half as wide, with a wavy margin and fine teeth. Male catkins mature in the spring, and after releasing the wind-borne pollen they fall off. Female catkins appear around the same period but ripen into small cones (a half inch in length or less) later in the season.	

