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The leaves are nearly round and doubly saw-toothed with 5-7 parallel veins. The tip of the leaf is rounded or even indented. As indicated by the Latin name, the leaves and twigs are gummy when young.

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The Black Alder blossoms in early spring before the leaves are out. The make catkins are up to 1.5 inches long. The cones which develop are nearly an inch long arranged in clusters of 3-5.

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The Black Alder is a large tree (40-60') which grows fast when young. The young bark is a smooth greenish-brown, becoming brown and plated with age.

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The Black Alder is at home in wet areas such as the border of ponds and lakes. A member of the Birch family it grows long catkins in the spring and has clusters of cones that persist throughout the winter. The young leaves and twigs are decidedly gummy; hence its Latin name.

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