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The leaf comes to a sharp point and has many parallel veins like a beech. Like the Hornbeam and Yellow Birch this leaf is doubly serrated with teeth both at the ends and between veins.

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Hop Hornbeam

Ironwood

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The flowers are on drooping catkins found at the ends of branches. The fruit is about 2 inches long and appears cone-like, made up of many small papery bags containing a small seed.

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The bark is light brown and shreds into long narrow vertical strips which curve away from the trunk. The tree is of moderate size, reaching 50 feet, with notably slender branches and slender interlacing twigs.

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The common name is due to the fruit which resembles hops, a prime ingredient in beer making. It is also called Ironwood for its extremely tough and hard wood.

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