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General: Small to medium-sized deciduous tree with grey bark, scaly on older trees.

Leaves & Twigs: Twigs are slender, shiny and dark red with whitish dots. Leaf buds are rounded, dark red-wine in colour. Leaves are red-tinged in spring, green in summer and bright red in fall.

Flowers & Fruits: Flowers appear before the leaves from dark red buds in early spring and form dense, short-stalked clusters. Male and female flowers usually grow on different branches of the same tree or on separate trees. Male flowers are yellow, while female flowers are red. Note: Only the male flowers are observed for PlantWatch.

Habitat: Grow in damp rocky woodlands. Most common in central and western Newfoundland and not found on the Northern Peninsula or Labrador.

Blooming Time: early May to early June

How to Observe: Tag a typical tree to observe.

First Bloom: When the male flowers are open in three places on the observed tree.

Mid Bloom: When half the male flowers are open.

Leaf Out: When the first leaves push out of the bud and unfold completely in three places.