


**speckled alder** *Betulaceae* *Alnus incana ssp. rugosa* (L.) Moench  
*ssp. rugosa* (Du Roi) R.T. Clausen  **symbol: ALINR**

**vTree**

**Leaf:** Alternate, simple, oval, doubly serrated, 2 to 4 inches long, dull dark green above, paler and may be velvety below.  
**Flower:** Species is monoecious; in small clusters, preformed male catkins are 1/2 to 1 inch long, slender and green; females are much smaller, reddish green, open in early spring.  
**Fruit:** Cone-like, 1/2 inch long, brown when ripe, each scale enclosing a very small winged seed, mature in late summer, and persistent  
**Twig:** Moderate, gray-brown to reddish brown, velvety, lighter lenticels, buds stalked, plump and reddish brown.  
**Bark:** Smooth reddish brown with numerous conspicuous horizontal white to light orange lenticels.  
**Form:** Small clumping shrub that reaches 25 feet in height.

Looks like: [thinleaf alder](#) - [hazel alder](#) - [Sitka alder](#)



**Additional Range Information:**

*Alnus incana ssp. rugosa* is native to North America. Range may be expanded by planting. [See states reporting speckled alder.](#)

**External Links:**

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