

# HAZEL

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Corylus avellana*

Scientific classification:

Reign: Plantae  
Division: Magnoliophyta  
Class: Magnoliopsida  
Order: Fagales  
Family: Betulaceae

## DESCRIPTION:

Fruit tree. It is from 2 to 7 m tall. It grows up in all regions in Italy.

**Leaves:** deciduous, simple, alternate, obovated, sharp on the apex, with double-toothed margin and with evident ribs. They are provided by hairs on the lower page. They are emerald green on the top page while they're lighter and opaque on the lower. the petiole is short and hairy.

**Bark:** it's brown/grey, early without hairs with longitudinal grooves and spread lenticels.

**Flowers:** they are unisexual. Males are gathered in yellow pendulous catkins that grow up in autumn and are rich of pollen with anemophilous diffusion (wind). The females are shaped like a gem from which escape evident red stigmas.

**Fruits:** hazelnut, dried fruits with wooden shell, covered by an herbaceous dome.



Female flowers

Male flowers

