STAGES OF BUD BREAK IN CHESTNUT

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BUD BREAK IS ASSESSED USING A 0.0 RANKING SYSTEM (ADAPTED FROM WEST AND WEIN 1971).

The number to the left of the decimal denotes the most advanced phenological bud break that is occurring on the tree according to these categories:

- 0-Bud dormant, no sign of breaking
- 1-Bud displays silver/green tip
- o 2-Bud green, but tight, no leaves unfolding
- 3-Bud expanding, leaves unfolding from bud
- 4-Internodes visible, leaves hanging but not enlarged
- o 5-Internodes visible, leaves enlarged

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The number to the right of the decimal indicates the percentage of buds on the seedling (to the nearest 10%) that have developed to or past this stage.

Example: a seedling with terminal at stage 3 with 50% of the buds to this stage would receive ranking of 3.5. The phenological stage of the tree's terminal bud should also be noted separately (or in the case of dieback or deer browse, the uppermost bud).

West, N.E. and R.W. Wein. 1971. A plant phenological index technique. BioScience 21(3): 116-117.



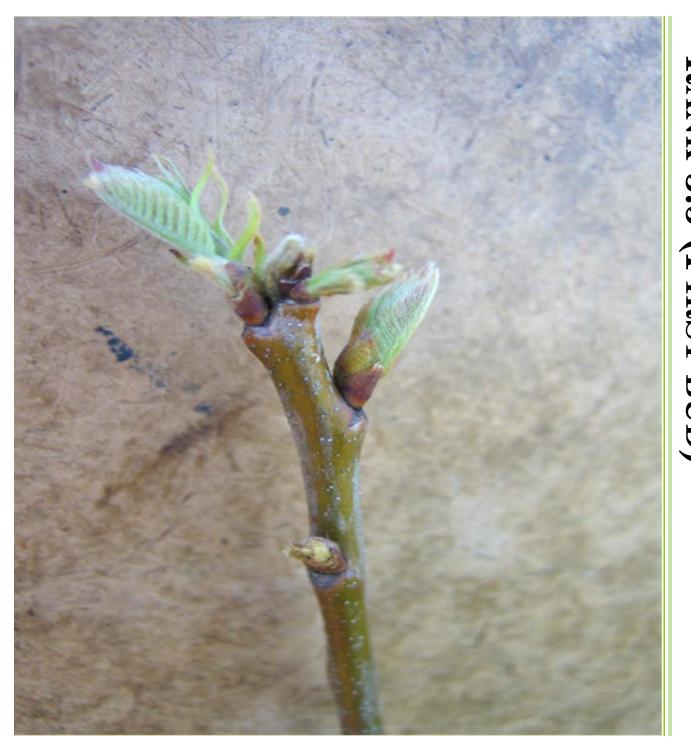
Buds
dormant, no
sign of
breaking



Buds
display
silver/green
tip

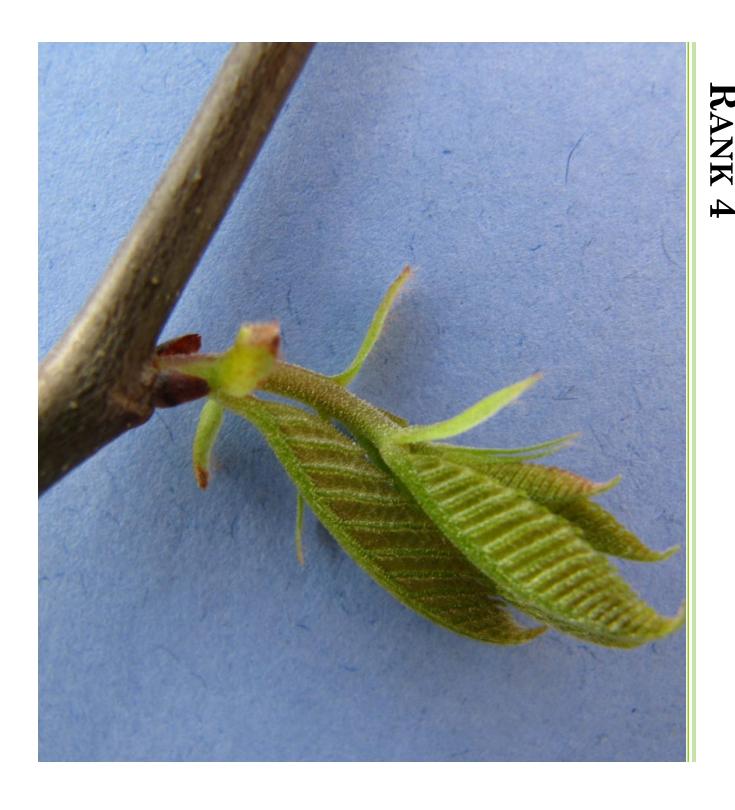


Buds
green but
tight, no
leaves
unfolding



RANK 3.5 (FIRST BUD)

Bud expanding, leaves unfolding



Internodes
visible,
leaves
hanging
but not
expanded



Internodes
visible,
leaves
enlarged