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Carya cordiformis

Bitternut Hickory



The fastest-growing of the hickories, this important wildlife tree is easy to identify from its sulfur-yellow buds. Beautiful golden-yellow fall color. Deep taproot makes transplanting difficult; best moved balled and burlapped when plant is small in early spring.

Suggested companions: red oak (*Quercus rubra*), sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*), tulip tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*), spice bush (*Lindera benzoin*), maidenhair fern (*Adiantum pedatum*), wild leek (*Allium tricoccum*), blue phlox (*Phlox divaricata*).

Photo Credit: Trish Beckjord

Plant Type: Tree
Size: 45-75' H
75-100' W

Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:
Forested Upland

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Rich Moist
Sandy/ Gravelly
Clay

Exposure: sun
filtered

Flower Color: Yellow
Brown
Bloom Time: May
June

Plant in: Spring

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:
Wildlife attracting
Fall color
Bird attracting
Butterfly attracting