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Carya ovata

Shagbark Hickory



As other hickories, this tree has really lovely yellow fall color and a picturesque winter silhouette. Its "shaggy" bark is also distinctive. The edible, sweet nut is a favorite wildlife food. It is difficult to transplant due to taproot, so move as a young tree, balled and burlapped, in early spring. Adaptable to a wide range of soil conditions.

Suggested companions: other hickories, red oak (*Quercus rubra*), black oak (*Quercus velutina*), white oak (*Quercus alba*), wild geranium (*Geranium maculatum*)

Photo Credit: Bob Grese

Plant Type: Tree
Size: 55-65' H
35-50' W

Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:
Forested Upland

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Rich Moist
Clay
Sandy/ Gravelly

Exposure: sun
filtered

Flower Color:
Yellow
Green

Bloom Time:
May
June

Plant in: Spring

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:

Edible nut
Wildlife attracting
Fall color
Winter interest

Bird attracting
Wildlife attracting
Butterfly attracting