

# PIGNUT HICKORY

*Carya glabra*



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<b>Mature Height</b>	60-80 Feet	<b>Soil Type</b>	Deep, Well-drained
<b>Mature Spread</b>	30-40 Feet	<b>Flower Color</b>	Greenish
<b>Mature Form</b>	Irregular Ovate	<b>Foliage Color</b>	Light Green
<b>Growth Rate</b>	Slow	<b>Fall Color</b>	Bright Yellow
<b>Sun Exposure</b>	Full Sun to Partial Shade	<b>Zones</b>	5-9
<b>Soil Moisture</b>	Moist		

The Pignut Hickory, *Carya glabra*, is a tall, deciduous tree that provides good shade in wooded suburban areas. Its autumn display is a bright, showy yellow. In early fall, this tree produces brown nuts that are an important part of the diets of many rodents and small mammals. Because the nuts can be a litter problem, the Pignut Hickory is not often planted as an ornamental.

Although this tree prefers fertile, well-drained soil, it can take root in poorer soils that are compacted or stony. Since the Pignut Hickory has a taproot, it is difficult to transplant. Although this tree is sensitive to salt, it is drought-resistant and suffers little damage from wind and ice.



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