

SHAGBARK HICKORY

Carya ovata



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Mature Height	70-90 Feet	Soil Type	Deep, Well-drained
Mature Spread	40-50 Feet	Flower Color	Inconspicuous
Mature Form	Cylindrical	Foliage Color	Green
Growth Rate	Slow	Fall Color	Yellow to Brown
Sun Exposure	Full Sun to Partial Shade	Zones	4-8
Soil Moisture	Moist		

The Shagbark Hickory, *Carya ovata*, gets its name from its shaggy appearance - on mature trees the bark breaks into hard, thin plates that pull away from the trunk. In the fall, the Shagbark Hickory's foliage turns an attractive golden yellow. Its pale-colored nuts draw wildlife, but in combination with the shredding bark can create a litter problem.

Although this tree prefers moist soils, it will often grow in areas that are more dry. The Shagbark Hickory's taproot makes transplanting difficult, and its high sensitivity to salt should be taken into account when planting.



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