

NORTHERN CATALPA

Catalpa speciosa



Winona State University

Mature Height	40 to 60 Feet	Soil Type	Moist, Deep
Mature Spread	20 to 40 Feet	Flower Color	White & Purple
Mature Form	Oval Shaped	Foliage Color	Green
Growth Rate	Medium to Fast	Fall Color	Yellow
Sun Exposure	Full	Zones	4-8
Soil Moisture	Moist—Adapts to dry and wet soils		

Northern Catalpa, *Catalpa speciosa*, is native to a small area of the middle Mississippi River Valley but has been extensively planted throughout Indiana. It is now naturalized in urban and rural areas. It is known for its showy flowers and large leaves. It withstands summer heat very well and has adapted to all kinds of soil. Fisherman prize the Catalpa worm for fish bait and often plant it close to their favorite fishing hole.

Northern Catalpa has three liabilities. It rains down fragments of its long fruits and fringed seeds from winter to spring creating a cleanup concern. It often gets too big for its allotted space and finally its brittle wood makes its branches subject to wind and ice damage.



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