

PERSIMMON

Diospyros virginiana



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Mature Height	50 to 60 feet	Soil Type	Any soil except wet sites
Mature Spread	30 feet	Flower Color	Yellow
Mature Form	Slender Oval Rounded	Foliage Color	Leathery Blue-Green
Growth Rate	Slow to medium	Fall Color	Yellow, Orange Red-purple
Sun Exposure	Full to partial sun	Zones	4-9
Soil Moisture	Moist		

Persimmon, *Diospyros virginiana*, is native to the southern two-thirds of the eastern United States, with an east-west line across central Indiana representing the northernmost limit of its native range. It can be planted much further north in terms of cold hardiness. Persimmon may reach 50 feet tall by 30 feet wide when found in the open, sometimes with root suckers that cause it to form colonies or groves. The bitter green fruit becomes sweet and tasty after a few frosts and light freezes. Requires both male and female trees for fruiting. Fruit can be messy if tree is planted close to sidewalks, patios or driveways. Fruit also attracts mammals such as opossums. Bark is dark gray or black and blocky in appearance with distinctive orange color between blocks. Fruit is eaten by humans, as well as opossums, raccoons, skunks, foxes and many song birds.



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