

# CELEBRATION OF TREES



**Pecan**  
*Carya illinoensis*

## CHARACTERISTICS

**Height:** 75 – 100'

**Width:** 40 – 70'

**Identification:** *Carya illinoensis*, commonly called hardy pecan, is a large deciduous lowland tree that is the largest of the hickories. It typically grows 75-100' (infrequently to 150') tall with a large rounded spreading crown. Trunks mature to 2-4' in diameter. It is native from Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio south to Alabama and Mexico, being primarily found in the Mississippi River valley and the valleys of its principal tributaries. Pecan features medium green, odd-pinnate, compound leaves, with each leaf having 9-17 pointed leaflets.



## GROWING CONDITIONS

**Native Habitat:** Southeastern United States

**Water:** Medium

**Sun Light:** Full sun

## BENEFITS

A tall ornamental shade tree for large properties, and grown for nut production. Nut production can take 8-10 years.



**Sources:** Missouri Botanical Garden Website



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