



Learn More About Pawpaw!

Scientific Name: *Asimina triloba*

MATURE SIZE: Height 20–40 ft Width 15–20 ft

Whether planted in full sun or part shade, the pawpaw tree, native to the Midwest, works well as a specimen or can be useful as a screen. Nodding, dark purple flowers in the spring, elongated edible fruit in the summer, and a yellow to yellow-green fall color add to the appeal of this small understory tree. Pawpaw has edible, cylindrical, 6 inch long, yellowish green fruits that mature in early autumn. The fruit of the pawpaw's flavor and flesh consistency resembles that of bananas.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Illinois native species that produces North America's largest fruit in the late summer and fall.
- Fruit tastes like a pineapple and banana combined.
- Host plant for the Zebra Swallowtail butterfly
- Easily fits in landscape without growing too large.