



Learn More About Kentucky Coffee Tree!

Scientific Name: *Gymnocladus dioica*

MATURE SIZE: Height 50–70 ft Width 20–30 ft

The Kentucky Coffee tree's tolerance to pollution and a wide range of soils makes it a suitable tree for urban environments. Native to the Midwest, this tree bears leathery, reddish-brown seed pods that add winter interest to the Midwestern landscape. The common name "Kentucky Coffee Tree" stems from the practice of early American pioneers who, in times of need, roasted and ground the plant's large, dark seeds as a substitute for imported coffee. Kentucky Coffee Tree requires minimal pruning. Remove dead, damaged, or crossing branches in winter while the tree is dormant. The fallen seed pods can be collected and used as organic mulch after crushing, or left for wildlife.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Distinctive landscape tree with unique seed pods.
- Native to Chicago area
- Creates dappled shade
- Adaptable to different soil conditions.