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Carya illinoinensis



30 (50) m
12-20m
round, half-open crown
Young twigs olive green, bearing soft hairs, bark light brown to light grey, grooved
imparipinnate, 30 - 50 cm, with 11 - 15 (17) leaf segments, 5 - 15 cm, green, feathered leaf
yellow
green female and male catkins, May
elongated nut, 3 - 8 cm, husk with 4 narrow sections, in bunches of 3 - 10, edible, edible fruits
None
usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
rich, well-drained soil: can tolerate a lot of moisture for a while
tolerates no paving
7 (-17,7 to -12,3 °C)
good
can withstand wind
clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
Eastern USA

Large park tree with a round, very broad crown of overhanging side branches: can attain over 30 m height and breadth. The imparipinnate leaves are very large and have the most numerous leaf segments of all Carya types. These leaf segments are elongated to somewhat sickle-shaped, with long, pointed tips. Autumn colour yellow-brown. The inconspicuous blossoms are followed by bunches of edible fruit. These nestle in elongated husks with narrow wings. Very important crop in the USA, where over 100 varieties are cultivated. The tree is deep-rooting and prefers humic, well-drained soil. Its early growth may be impeded by frost. Can tolerate a lot of moisture for a while.