

BITTERNUT HICKORY

Carya cordiformis (Ka-ree-uh kor-di-form-is)

ABOUT:

This tree grows throughout Ohio and is often found in drier conditions. It tolerates shade when younger but needs full sun at maturity. It provides homes to cavity-nesting birds, small mammals and songbirds.

LEAF



Up to 1-foot long with fine serrations on the margins; leaves are yellow green in summer and yellow-brown in fall

SEED



Bitter kernel, surrounded by a hard, bony shell; thin outer husk splits into four quarters when ripe

BARK



Gray and smooth