

## MATURE SHAGBARK HICKORY

### MATURE SIZE



#### HEIGHT

100

FEET

#### SPREAD

40

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#### SHAPE

OVAL

#### GROWING CONDITIONS

MOIST TO WELL-DRAINED SOILS; CAN TOLERATE SHADE FROM OTHER TREES

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*Carya ovata* (Ka-ree-uh oh-vah-tuh)

## ABOUT:

This large shade tree grows in dry uplands or moist valleys throughout Ohio. Several moth caterpillars –such as Hickory Horn Devil, Luna and Polyphemus – feed on its leaves. Squirrels, foxes, chipmunks, rabbits and birds love the nuts, and the peeling bark makes a home for overwintering bats, as well as mourning cloak and comma butterflies.

## LEAF



15 inches long; medium green to dark yellow-green in summer and brilliant golden-yellow or yellow-brown in fall

## SEED



Kernel is surrounded by a hard, bony shell with four ribs; thick outer husk splits open into four quarters when ripe

## BARK



Distinctive shaggy bark that peels in long, wide, thick strips from the trunk and branches