

DELICATE AND NARROW  
LEAVES, ALLOWING  
MORE LIGHT TO REACH  
PLANTS BELOW



**TYPE:**  
Deciduous



**SIZE:**  
70 feet high  
70 feet wide



**SUN:**  
Full sun



**FLOWERS:**  
Small, greenish-yellow  
blossoms arranged  
around spike-like stalks



**USDA ZONES:**  
3-8



**ID TIPS:**  
The honey locust can be  
identified by 2-3 branched  
thorns on branches and  
trunk.



**WILDLIFE VALUE:**  
Seed pods and seeds are  
eaten by rabbits, deer and  
squirrels.



**INTERESTING FACT:**  
“Honey” in its name  
comes from the sweet,  
honey-like substance  
found in its pods.

# HONEY LOCUST

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The honey locust is tolerant of many soil conditions and urban stressors. It has compound leaves with 8-14 leaflets. They are one of the last leaves to emerge in the spring. The seed pods resemble leather straps and can be up to 18" long. Fall color is a showy yellow. The native species has large thorns on its stems and bark. The thornless variety *f. inermis* is most commonly sold.

