

LOOK FOR FULLY  
FORMED TERMINAL  
LEAF



# PECAN

## CARYA ILLINOINENSIS

Another of the most important native nut trees in North America, the pecan tree has large, alternate, compound leaves with 9 to 17 leaflets. The nut ripens in the fall. If growing for nut production, at least two varieties are needed for cross-pollination. The pecan makes a beautiful shade tree for large properties.



**TYPE:**  
Deciduous



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



**SUN:**  
Full sun



**FLOWERS:**  
Separate male and female  
flowers on the same  
tree. Male catkins are 4-5  
inches long.



**USDA ZONES:**  
5-9



**ID TIPS:**  
Look on the ground for  
signs of pecan shells.



**WILDLIFE VALUE:**  
Host plant for gray  
hairstreak butterfly



**INTERESTING FACT:**  
The yellow-bellied  
sapsucker favors the  
pecan tree. They create  
horizontal bands of small  
rectangular holes on the  
tree bark. The birds use  
their tongues to lap up  
the sap.

