



THE BLOCKY
BARK IS THE KEY
TO IDENTIFYING
PERSIMMONS!



TYPE:
Deciduous



SIZE:
60 feet high
35 feet wide



SUN:
Full sun to part shade



FLOWERS:
Small yellow bell
shaped flowers are
inconspicuous.



USDA ZONES:
4-9



ID TIPS:
Square blocky bark
resembles alligator skin.



WILDLIFE VALUE:
Opossums, raccoons,
skunks, deer and birds
feed on the fruit.



INTERESTING FACT:
The genus name,
Diospyros, means “fruit of
the Gods” in Greek.



PERSIMMON

DIOSPYROS VIRGINIANA

The bark on this native tree resembles alligator skin with thick, short furrows that form square blocky ridges. Glossy dark green, simple leaves turn reddish-purple in the fall. In the late spring, yellow fragrant bell-shaped female flowers give way to orange edible fruit in the fall. The wood is dark brown, heavy, hard, shock resistant and commonly used for golf clubs.