

# Black Walnut

(aka Eastern Black Walnut) (*Juglans nigra*)



Native. Few trees are as near and dear to us right now as the Black Walnut. Once a common tree in Gonzales County, this tree is now a rarity. The Gonzales Master Gardeners are involved in a long term effort to promote this tree for its beauty as well as its economic benefit. One of the premier hardwoods for interior furnishings, finishes and fixtures, few trees offer the majesty of the Black Walnut. There are many varieties of Black Walnut across the United States and in many parts of the country, the local varieties have been completely lost to over harvesting. The local variety grows to 100 feet with a wide, rounded, open crown. The meat of the nut is edible but requires considerable effort to extract from the nut. This tree is a close relative of the Pecan and the Black Hickory.

For more detailed information, go to Texas A&M Forest Service

<http://texastreeid.tamu.edu/content/TreeDetails/?id=53>

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