

Pecan

(aka Pecan Hickory) (*Carya illinoensis*) Native



Probably no nut tree has been so hybridized as the Pecan but the true native pecan is the state tree of Texas. The nut is smaller and less productive than the many hybridized and grafted varieties but the wood is highly desirable and the native tree is typically used as the root stock for the grafted varieties. It is a large tree, reaching 120 feet with a broad, spreading canopy. It prefers rich fertile bottomlands along rivers and streams but can be a good landscape tree in a larger yard—provided you aren't growing it for the hybridized nuts! It is a close relative of the Black Walnut and Black Hickory.

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

<http://texastreeid.tamu.edu/content/TreeDetails/?id=22&t=p>

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