Pawpaw
*Asimina triloba*

**Unique Characteristics**

This beautiful understory tree lends a tropical appearance to gardens and is disease and pest resistant, rarely being browsed by deer. Largest edible fruit native to the U.S.

- **Plant Type:** Tree
- **Native Range:** Much of Eastern North America
- **Sun:** Full sun to part shade
- **Water:** Medium to wet
- **Soil:** Prefers moist, acidic, fertile soils
- **pH:** 4.7 to 7.2
- **Height:** 15 to 30 feet
- **Spread:** 15 to 30 feet
- **Wildlife:** Larvae of the Zebra Swallowtail butterfly feed exclusively on the leaves
- **Hardiness Zones:** 5 to 9
- **Bloom Time:** April and May
- **Bloom Color:** Cup-shaped purple flowers
- **Reproduction:** Need pollen from another, unrelated pawpaw plant in order to set fruit
- **Fall Color:** Bright yellow
- **Uses:** Rain gardens, fruit can be eaten raw or used in pies and ice cream

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