



Pawpaw

Asimina triloba



Photos courtesy of Bobby Schwartz (top), Judy Semroc (bottom left), and Joe Mehalik (bottom right)

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

