



Bark



Fruit



Height range 50-100'



8 to 12"

Pignut Hickory

Carya glabra

The Walnut Family (Juglandaceae)

Basic Description: Tall tree with irregular crown, alternate, deciduous leaves with 5 to 7 leaflets and smooth gray bark on young trees turning to scaly ridges as the tree ages.

Interesting Facts: Strong, elastic wood is used for tool handles, sports equipment and wagon wheels. The nut's bitterness and small amount of meat make it less desirable for human consumption than other hickory species. It is host to the Luna, Funeral Dagger and Giant Regal moths.

Flower: Male: 2- 3" yellow-green catkins with three hanging from one stalk; Female: very short, in clusters on branch ends. Both bloom in spring.

Fruit: 1 - 2" long, thin husked, round nut with bitter flesh, ripening in early fall.

Wildlife Value: Nuts are a valuable fall and winter food for large and small mammals, as well as several species of songbirds. Tree serves as cover for insects, birds and small mammals.

Habitat: Dry slopes and ridges.

LEAF TYPE

COMPOUND



POLLINATOR

WIND



WILDLIFE VALUE

HIGH

