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**Description:** Northern pecan is a very valuable tree because of its many uses. It is one of the country's most commercial nut producing trees, is valued by wood workers for furniture and flooring and is considered a great shade tree. Pecans only grows native in the western part of Kentucky on the rich soils along the Mississippi and Green rivers.

**Height:** 70 - 150 feet.

**Trunk Diameter:**

**Spread:** 40' to 75' spread.

**Growth Rate:** Medium

**Leaves:** Leaves are compound having approximately 12 leaflets 2 - 4.7 inches long with fine teeth along the margin

**Fall Color:** Yellow.

**Flowers:**

**Fruit:** Not really a nut, but rather a drupe which is a fruit with a single stone or pit, surrounded by a husk. The husk is greenish-gold in color and 1 to 2 inches long. The nuts are edible, with a rich, buttery flavor.

**Root:** Tap root.

**Sun:** Full sun.

**Value:** Nuts are commercially valuable.

**Issues:** Pecans are susceptible to a wide range of bacteria disease and infections. Most disease limit nut production but usually don't kill the tree.

