

# Common Paw Paw



This small native tree has a very unique, semi-tropical appearance. The fruits are relished by all animals, with a banana-custard like flavor. Excellent source of Vitamins A and C as well as being high in unsaturated fats, proteins and carbohydrates and a good balance of amino acids. The Pawpaw is a larval host to the Zebra Swallowtail and the Pawpaw Sphinx. The inner bark can be used to create strong string and rope. The seed is known to have insecticidal properties and has been used for the treatment of lice. This plant has also been used traditionally for medicinal purposes.

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## *Asimina triloba*

- Hardiness: Zone 5-8
- Size: 15-20'
- Habit: Multi-stemmed shrub or small tree
- Flower: Purple, 1-2", early to mid May
- Fruit: Edible, greenish-yellow, 2-5" long
- Culture: Prefers moist, fertile, deep, slightly acid soils. Understory tree, but does well in full sun.
- Uses: Naturalizing, stream banks, , rain garden, wildlife, birds, butterflies, edible, medicinal, rope and string, insecticide, dye