



Bark



Fruit



7-10"

Height range 72-100'

# Bitternut Hickory

*Carya cordiformis*

## The Walnut family (Juglandaceae)

**Basic Description:** This deciduous tree has alternate compound leaves with seven to eleven leaflets. The terminal buds of this tree are bright yellow.

**Interesting Facts:** It is the most rapid growing of the hickories. The nut meat is so bitter that it is not preferred by wildlife.

**Flower:** The male flowers are small green catkins and the female flowers are solitary short spikes. They are both found on the same plant.

**Fruit:** The nut is 1- 1.25" long, oblong to round in shape with a thin shell.

**Wildlife Value:** It serves as a host for some striking moths such as the Luna and Regal moths and attracts squirrels, rabbits, beavers and small rodents.

**Habitat:** Found in low wet woods and along streams in the hill sections.

LEAF TYPE  
COMPOUND



POLLINATOR  
WIND



WILDLIFE VALUE  
MEDIUM

