



Butternut Tree

Juglans cinerea

Juglandaceae

Description

The Butternut Tree gets its name because of the walnut-like nuts that it produces in the fall. They are considered to be sweeter and more buttery, though their shell is harder to crack and do not store very long. The sap can be tapped from this tree to make syrup similar to Maple Syrup. It is susceptible to butternut canker, which has wiped out a large portion of the population and was put on the Minnesota endangered species list in 2013. It also produces a chemical called juglone which is toxic to other plants. Because of this, it's recommended to plant where a large ring of mulch is desired or in an area without lawn or garden beds.

General Information

Zone: 3-7	Soil Texture: Clay, Loam, Sand	Fall Color: Yellow, Brown
Height: 40-60'	Soil pH: Neutral-Alkaline	Bloom Color: Yellow, Green
Width: 40-60'	Exposure: Full Sun	Bloom Time: April-June
Habit: Round, Broad	Water Needs: Wet-Average	Fragrance: None
Growth Rate: <24" per year	Soil Drainage: Well-Drained	Fruit Color: Green, Brown
	Other Attributes:	Fruiting Time: September-October
		Fruit Flavor: Sweet, Buttery
		Attracts: Bees, Butterflies, Birds, Small Mammals, Deer

Resources:

[Plants A to Z: Find Plant Names by Letter \(thespruce.com\)](http://thespruce.com)
[Find a Plant | NC Extension Gardener Plant Toolbox \(ncsu.edu\)](http://ncsu.edu)
[Trees and Plants | The Morton Arboretum](http://mortonarboretum.org)
[WSU PNW Plants](http://wsu.edu)

[The Tree Guide at arborday.org](http://arborday.org)
[Woody Plants Catalog | The UFOR Nursery & Lab \(umn.edu\)](http://um.edu)
[Plant Finder \(missouribotanicalgarden.org\)](http://missouribotanicalgarden.org)
[N.D. Tree Handbook \(nds.edu\)](http://nds.edu)