



## American Yellowwood

*Cladrastis kentukea*

Fabaceae

### Description

Fragrant white flowers hang from branches in the late spring. In the fall it shows off an almost glowing orange, yellow color. In Appalachia, the bark from the roots can be used as a yellow dye.

### General Information

**Zone:** 4-8  
**Height:** 30-50'  
**Width:** 40-55'  
**Habit:** Round  
**Growth Rate:** 24" per year

**Soil Texture:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil pH:** Acidic-Alkaline

**Exposure:** Full Sun

**Water Needs:** Average

**Soil Drainage:** Well-Drained

**Other** Salt Tolerant

**Attributes:**

**Fall Color:** Gold/Yellow

**Bloom Color:** White

**Bloom Time:** Late Spring

**Fragrance:** Yes

**Fruit Color:** Green, Brown

**Fruiting Time:** Fall

**Fruit Flavor:** Inedible

**Attracts:** Birds, Bees, Butterflies

#### Resources:

[Plants A to Z: Find Plant Names by Letter \(thespruce.com\)](https://thespruce.com/plants-a-to-z-find-plant-names-by-letter)  
[Find a Plant | NC Extension Gardener Plant Toolbox \(ncsu.edu\)](https://www.ncsu.edu/ncsu/extension/gardener-plant-toolbox/)  
[Trees and Plants | The Morton Arboretum](https://www.mortonarboretum.org/)  
[WSU PNW Plants](https://pnw.wsu.edu/plants/)

[The Tree Guide at arborday.org](https://arborday.org/tree-guide/)  
[Woody Plants Catalog | The UFOR Nursery & Lab \(umn.edu\)](https://www.umn.edu/woody-plants-catalog/)  
[Plant Finder \(missouribotanicalgarden.org\)](https://missouribotanicalgarden.org/plant-finder/)  
[N.D. Tree Handbook \(nds.edu\)](https://nds.edu/tree-handbook/)