

# AgBark



A series of tree insights

Did you know?

The Shagbark Hickory has a lifespan of over 350 years old.

## Overview

- The shagbark hickory tree is one of around 17 hickory species in North America.
- Hickory trees produce a thick-husked nut that is edible to humans and wildlife.

## Tree Details

Hickory leaves are pinnately compound with 5 leaflets, each around 3-8 inches long.

They are known for their distinctive shaggy bark which allows them to flex to withstand wind.

Shagbark is one of the hardest hickory trees and can withstand temperatures ranging from -40° to 115°.

# Shagbark Hickory

**Kingdom:** *Plantae*

**Class:** *Magnoliophyta*

**Order:** *Juglandales*

**Family:** *Juglandaceae DC. Ex Perleb*

**Genus:** *Carya ovata*



## Shagbark Hickory in Agriculture

- Hickory wood is known to be extremely strong and often used for furniture, flooring and lumber.
- Hickory wood is strong and durable, perfect for firewood uses.
- Shagbark hickory has a distinct aroma which is ideal for smoking meats.
- Shagbark hickory nuts and leaves are safe for livestock consumption, if present in pastures.

## History

- Former President Andrew Jackson was nicknamed Old Hickory after his tough and resilient personality.
- Early colonists utilized nuts from the trees after discovering the Native Americans storing them.
- Native Americans created a hickory cream from the trees for cooking.
- Early colonists used hickory tree wood smoke to flavor, cure and preserve meats in the historical smokehouses in Virginia.

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