

# Shagbark hickory

*Carya ovata*

**Common names:**

shagbark hickory



Plant a shagbark hickory, a long-lived large tree with a straight trunk, in a large landscape for excellent shade. This Midwest native is named for its bark, which peels away in large, flat, curving plates, giving the tree a shaggy appearance. As a member of the walnut family, the hickory produces edible nuts. This species is native to the Chicago region according to Swink and Wilhelm's *Plants of the Chicago Region*, with updates made according to current research.

Family (English)

Walnut

Family (botanic)

Juglandaceae

Planting site

City parkway, Residential and parks, Wide median

Tree or plant type

Tree

Foliage

Deciduous (seasonally loses leaves)

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Native locale

Chicago area, Illinois, North America

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Size range

Large tree (more than 40 feet)

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