

Carya tomentosa

Mockernut hickory



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The Walnut Family (Juglandaceae)

It is a tall-growing tree with a rounded crown, alternate, deciduous, hairy-backed aromatic leaves with seven to nine leaflets, and dark gray, interlaced net-like bark.

Habitat:

It grows in moist upland forests, on dry slopes and ridges.

Interesting Facts:

The strong and elastic wood is valued for furniture and tools, and used in smoking meats. Black and yellow dyes and an astringent are produced from bark. Nuts are sweet and eaten by humans.

Fruit:

It is a 4-ribbed nut, 1.5- 2" long, with thick, cleanly splitting greenish-brown hull and white edible meat.

Flower:

Male: 3- 4" yellow-green catkins, three hanging from one stalk. Female: 2 -5 small clusters near the tip of the twig, both appear in spring.

Wildlife value:

Nuts, leaves and attracted insects are a food source for mammals, insects and insectivorous birds.