

Honey Locust

Gleditsia triacanthos

-The Honey Locust is a shade intolerant and fast growing tree that is very much at home in the flood plains of Wisconsin's lakes, rivers, and streams.

-Some people are afraid to plant any Locusts because of the thorns. However, there are thorn-less cultivars of the Honey Locust that are suitable for landscaping near the home. It is important to get good advice when selecting cultivars as winter injury is common

-One of the coolest things about the Honey Locust is that it is one of our few native trees that is able to fixate nitrogen. In other words, this tree can take nitrogen out of the atmosphere and put it into the ground. The wet soils associated with rivers and lakes are often devoid of nitrogen, which is an essential nutrient for all plants.

-Honey Locust is a medium sized tree, reaching heights of 50 feet at maturity, which prefers clayey to loamy soils, and lots and lots of sun.



The tree is known by its fruits.

-English Proverb