

# PAW PAW

## *ASIMINA TRILOBA*

### PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

#### Size

15 - 30' high, 15 - 30' wide

#### Sun/Shade

Full Sun to Part Shade

#### Water

Medium to Wet

#### Maintenance

Low

#### Life Span

Perennial Tree, Zones 5-9

#### Description

*Asimina triloba*, also known as Paw Paw, is a small deciduous tree which produces the large edible fruit (Paw Paw) similar in taste to the banana. Its blooms in April and May are in two tiers of 3 green petals and 6 purple petals turning to a large yellow/green and then brown fruit. The Paw Paw fruit is loved by wildlife who usually beat the humans to harvest. This is an easy growing tree that spreads by root suckers forming colonies or thickets. Its leaves are drooping large and green turning to bright yellow in the fall. Paw Paw is popular in larger rain gardens as well as shrub borders. It is tolerant of black walnut and has no serious insect or disease problems.

Source: [Missouri Botanical Garden](https://www.mobot.org)



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