

ID #: 512

Owner: USFW—Little River National Wildlife Refuge

Circumference: 105 inches

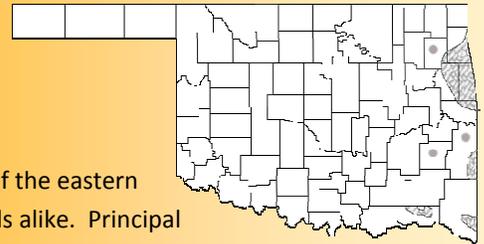
Height: 88 feet

Average Crown Spread: 51 feet

Total Points: 205.8



SHAGBARK HICKORY (*CARYA OVATA*)



Named for its distinct shaggy bark at maturity, this tree is found throughout most of the eastern US. The nuts are similar to pecan and edible, a popular food among people and squirrels alike. Principal commercial uses of this and other hickories are furniture, flooring, tool handles, ladders, specialty items, baseball bats, skis, veneer for paneling and plywood. It is also utilized for fuelwood and charcoal for smoking meats.

Large—sized tree 60 feet high, with straight trunk 1.5 feet in diameter, shaggy bark, and narrow rounded crown. **Twigs** stout, gray or brown, hairy when young. **End bud** large, egg-shaped, covered by many pointed brown hairy overlapping scales.

Leaves pinnately compound, 8—14 inches long. Leaflets 5 (rarely 7), stalkless, elliptical or ovate, 3—7 inches long, long-pointed, blunt at base, edges finely saw-toothed and hairy, yellow green and hairless above, beneath paler and hairy when young, turning golden brown in autumn, teeth of leaflets ending in tuft of tiny hairs.

Fruits 1 or 2, nearly round, large, 1.25—2.5 inches long, flattened at tip, with dark brown or blackish thick husk splitting to base. Hickory nut elliptical or rounded, slightly flattened and angled, light brown, thick or thin shelled, with edible sweetish seed.

Bark light gray, rough, shaggy, separating into long narrow curved strips loosely attached by middle.

Wood light brown with whitish sapwood, fine-textured, heavy, hard, strong, tough.