

## Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*)

Origin: Native.

Status in Park: Widespread. Occurs mainly in the lowlands but also on the bluffs. A very attractive tree.

Characteristics: Reaches 120 feet tall, 5 feet in diameter, crown broadly rounded; bark almost black, with rounded, intersecting ridges; flowers yellow-green hairy catkins; fruit a nut, with a spherical yellowish green, rough husk up to 2 inches in diameter.

Leaves: Alternate, pinnately compound, with 13-23 leaflets which are up to 3 ½ inches long, finely toothed; end leaflet is usually absent, which is a useful character for identification; leaves are yellowish-green and smooth above, paler and faintly hairy below.



Locations of tagged trees:



White-centered symbol indicates leaves are too high to be easily seen.

Notes: This is one of the highest valued hardwoods. The lustrous brown wood has a beautiful grain and is prized for fine furniture. The nuts have sweet, oily kernels, which are used for baking and cooking, but they are difficult to shell and leave a yellow stain on hands and clothing that is difficult to remove.