

Paw Paw (*Asimina triloba*)

Origin: Native.

Status in Park: Widespread, mostly in moist lowland forest.

Characteristics: Rarely to 40 feet tall, 10 inches in diameter, usually smaller; crown broad with spreading branches; bark dark brown, thin and smooth in smaller trees; flowers deep maroon, up to 2 inches across, wrinkled looking, appear in May-June; fruits greenish yellow oblong berries, up to 6 inches long.

Leaves: Alternate, simple; up to 12 inches long; with smooth edges; deep green color, paler beneath, with both surfaces smooth.



Location of tagged tree:



Notes: The fruit is edible, with sweet yellow flesh, “paw paws”, ripening in September.