

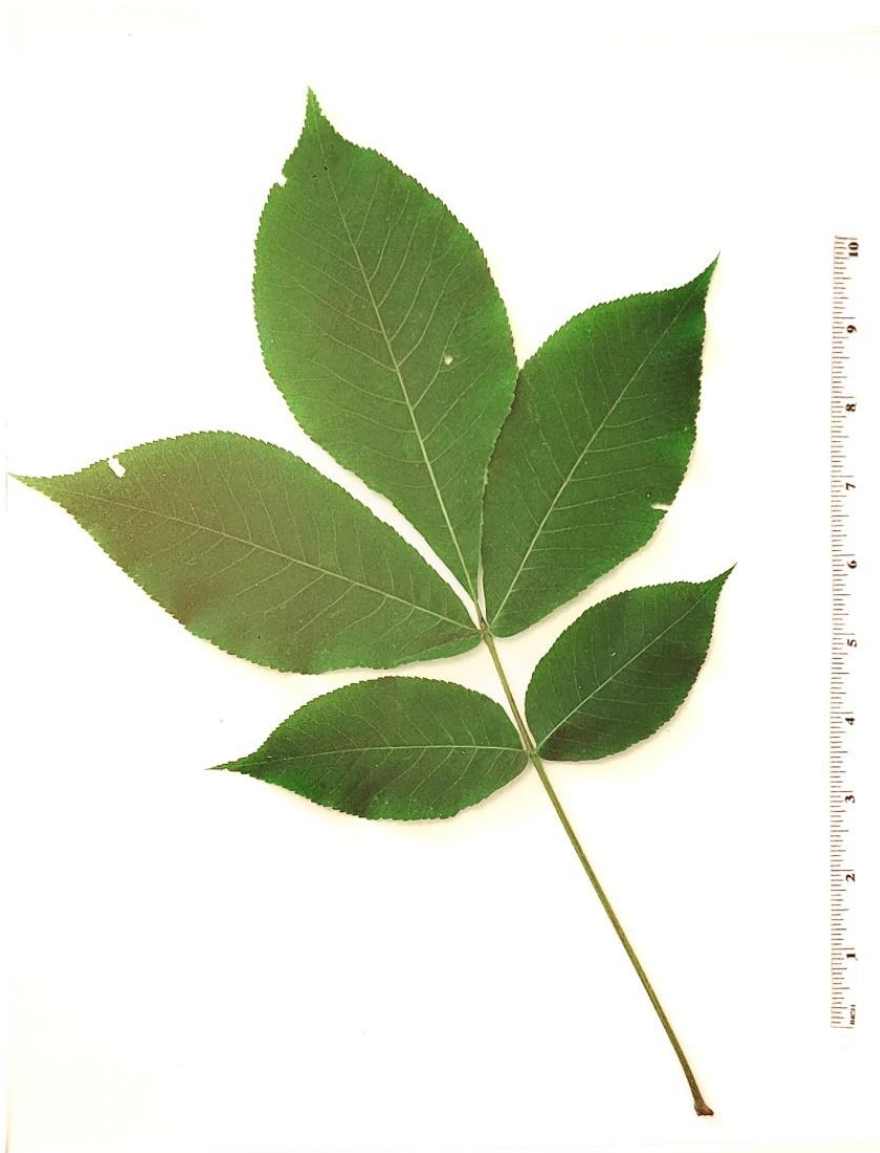
Shagbark Hickory (*Carya ovata*)

Origin: Native.

Status in Park: Occasional; bluffs, slopes, and well-drained fields.

Characteristics: Up to 100 feet in height, 3½ feet in diameter; rounded crown, often with some of the branches hanging; bark gray, with long, loosely attached plates, giving the trunk a shaggy appearance; flowers in slender, drooping catkins; fruits are nuts with yellow-green, spherical husks, about 2 inches across.

Leaves: Alternate, pinnately compound, with 5 (sometimes 7) leaflets; leaflets up to 10 inches long with edges finely toothed, green or yellow-green in color and smooth on the upper surface, paler and smooth or somewhat hairy beneath.



Location of tagged trees:



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

Notes: Valuable timber species; the white to red-brown heavy wood used for lumber, tool handles, furniture, veneer, flooring, and sporting goods. The nuts are hard to crack but contain sweet meats.