

Kentucky Coffee Tree (*Gymnocladus dioica*)

Origin: Native.

Status in Park: Scattered. In moist woodland, mostly on the north side of Spring Creek. Primarily mature trees.

Characteristics: Reaching 100 feet in height, 3 feet in diameter; crown with narrow, rounded top; bark dark gray, hard, deeply furrowed and scaly; flowers small with 5 greenish petals, in elongated clusters; fruits leathery, dark brown pods, up to 10 inches long, with several seeds.

Leaves: Alternate, doubly compound; leaf 12-36 inches long; leaflets up to 2 inches long, sharply pointed, about 70 in number; smooth edges; bluish-green and smooth.



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Notes: The leaves of the Kentucky Coffee Tree are by far the largest of any native tree in the state. The wood is heavy and decay-resistant, but the tree is too uncommon to have commercial value.