

# Caddo Pecan



As a landscape tree Pecan trees provide filtered shade. Pecan nuts are useful in a multitude of recipes, or enjoy fresh nuts as a simple snack. The pecans can also be left to feed and nourish many types of wildlife.

## *Carya illinoensis* 'Caddo'

- **Use:** The nuts are medium in size with yields of 65 nuts per pound, and the Caddo nuts shell out to 55 % kernels. The bright straw-colored, elongated kernels are packed with a delicious nutty flavor and the aromatic oil that issues a pleasing perfume when the kernels are toasted. The Caddo pecan nut yields have exceeded most other pecan cultivars in experimental trials by the USDA, and the yields are consistent and predictable as the trees mature – avoiding alternate years crops like most other cultivars. This papershell Caddo pecan has extremely thin hulls that can be cracked often like a peanut, just by applying a mild pressure on the shell. There are sharp points on each end of the Caddo pecan, making it distinctive and easy to identify. The crop matures early in October, making it valuable to harvest for the higher prices that come from wholesalers before Thanksgiving for the Christmas inshell market and the shelled inclusion demand for the pecan candy and cake market. Never plant pecan trees in areas where the sap will drip on patios, buildings, automobiles, and other surfaces. Best suited as a lawn specimen in full sunlight.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Grow in full sun. Well-drained, rich soil. Needs zinc fertilizer or crop will fail. Will fail in poor red clay soils. Fertilize pecan trees in late winter through early spring. RESEARCH IS NEEDED WHEN GROWING PECANS FOR CARE. See article by UGA online.
- **Growth:** Grows 70' to 100'+, 30-40' spread.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7-10; Tree.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Glossy green leaves
- **Flower/ Fruit:** Nut: oblong elliptic to oblong, with acuminate apex and base; round in cross section; 60 nuts/lb, 56% kernel; kernels golden in color with shallow dorsal grooves, wide and extended dorsal ridge; excellent shelling characteristics. Protandrous, with early pollen shed and mid-season pistillate receptivity. Precocious and prolific. Ripens mid-season. Moderate scab resistance.

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