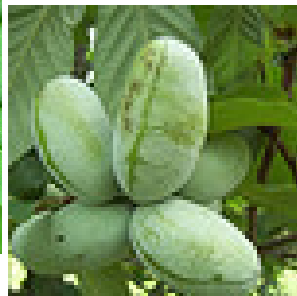


Paw Paw Tree



This highly aromatic, climacteric fruit has a ripe taste that resembles a creamy mixture of banana, mango, and pineapple. Shelf-life of a tree-ripened fruit stored at room temperature is 2 to 3 days. With refrigeration, fruit can be held up to 3 weeks while maintaining good eating quality.

Asimina triloba

- **Use:** Naturalize in a native plant or wild garden, or grow in a shrub border or woodland margin. Effective in damp areas along ponds or streams. Fruit may be frozen. Very nutritious fruits. They are high in vitamin C, magnesium, iron, copper, and manganese. They are a good source of potassium and several essential amino acids, and they also contain significant amounts of riboflavin, niacin, calcium, phosphorus, and zinc. Pawpaws contain these nutrients in amounts that are generally about the same as or greater than those found in bananas, apples, or oranges.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Can be grown in full to part sun.
- **Growth:** Moderate to fast growth of 18-40 ft. tall and 20' wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 6-10; Tree.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. The thick, bright-green, deciduous leaves turn yellow-green in fall
- **Flower/ Fruit:** Not particularly showy, but interesting, purple, six-petaled flowers are borne singly in leaf axils before leaf emergence. Large, cylindrical, dark-green or yellow, edible fruit follows.