

Botanical Name: Robinia pseudoacacia

Common Name: Black Locust

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape large upright oval tree with sparse open branch structure
and an aggressive root system -- tends to sucker heavily

Height 75' Spread 30' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil tolerates any soil

Hardiness hardy (all zones), does best where seasons are distinct

Morphology:

Leaves evenly pinnately compound, to 9 pairs elliptic leaflets,
soft -- medium green on thorny branches

Flowers spring, white, fragrant in hanging clusters

Fruit brown pods to 4" long -- persistent

Propagation: seed

Usage: roadside tree, park tree, very large lawn tree -- good in
difficult soils & situations; frequently too large and aggressive for home
landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering very drought tolerant when established

Fertilizing none

Pruning needs thinning to prevent wind damage; remove suckers

Pests/Diseases none

Special Conditions

Origin: Eastern U.S. Family: Fabaceae