

# Pawpaw tree

*Asimina triloba*

## QUICK FACTS

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USDA ZONES

**5–9**

SUNLIGHT

**Full Sun To Partial Shade**

HEIGHT

**15–30 ft**

ORIGIN

**North American native**

POLLINATORS

**Yes**

## AT A GLANCE

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Pawpaws are native, largely pest-free, and ornamental in the landscape. Their key requirements are: two genetically different trees for cross-pollination, patience (3-8 years to first fruit), and shade protection for young trees. They tolerate shade when young but need full sun for maximum fruiting.

## PLANTING CHECKLIST

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- Match site to sun requirements above before buying
- Test soil drainage — dig a 12" hole, fill with water, time it (should drain in 1–2 hrs)
- Dig hole 2x wider than rootball, same depth
- Backfill with native soil — do NOT amend the planting hole
- Water deeply at planting and weekly for first 3 weeks
- Mulch 2" deep, keep mulch 2" away from trunk/stems

## FULL GUIDE WITH SOURCES

<https://outdoorplantcare.com/plants/pawpaw-tree-care/>