

## *Diospyros virginiana*

Persimmon

**Height:** Variable, usually 35 to 40 feet' in the landscape

**Spread:** 25 to 35 feet

**Sun:** Full to part sun

**Soil Moisture:** Dry to medium soil and sandy infertile soil.

**Bloom Time:** May-June

**Bloom Description:** Flowers on female trees are not showy. Flowers are fragrant.

**Leaf:** Fall leaf color varies from yellow to red

**Fruit:** Dioecious - A tree may be male or female, although a few trees have perfect flowers. For fruit, you need to plant a male tree and a female tree. Our trees are not sexed. Use the fruit in pies, jellies, ice cream and syrups. Fruits can be messy if allowed to drop on the ground.

**Uses:** Landscape worthy even without the fruit. Plant several for an edible landscape. Balance its average texture with one or two finer or coarser shrubs or trees for an effective design. It has a deep taproot, so you can underplant it with shrubs and perennials. Good for shade.

**Wildlife:** Birds eat the fruit

**Nectar and Pollinators:** bees

**Larval Host:** Moths as Persimmon Borer, Small Necklace Moth, Large Necklace Moth, and Persimmon Leaf-roller Moth

**Deer Resistant:** Deer tend not to browse on the tree but love the fruit

**Comments:** Promptly remove root suckers unless naturalized effect is desired. It is native to south-central Indiana, but grows well in northern Indiana.

