

HOW TO SPROUT A HICKORY

by Steve Riefler

The smooth hickory (*Carya glabra*) is only found where limestone or shell underlies the soil. The area must be fairly moist or have a fairly constant water table. The Lake Butler-Wekiva Springs-Oviedo area is this type of habitat. It is found throughout the entire Appalachian region as far south as Central Florida.

The hickory is strong-limbed, with good, dark-colored bark, and hardly any diseases. The leaves provide yellow fall coloring, and the nuts provide food for wildlife.



50-75 ft.



AUTHORS AND ARTISTS

Marcy R. Bartlett says she is not an author, but an artist. She considers herself "a refugee from the tower of fine arts. Now a free lance graphic artist, my favorite things are Lepidoptera life cycles with their host plants. Of course, there is no market for anything so frivolous, so it becomes a hobby. I sharpen the skills for this hobby with membership in the Guild of Natural Science Illustrators." She is married and the mother of seven children, and nurturer of cats, rabbits, birds, and caterpillars.

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To sprout the hickory nuts, put them in moist sawdust or sphagnum moss in a plastic bag, and put the bag in the refrigerator for three months. Then place each nut in the soil wherever you want the tree. Add eggshells or seashells or coarse-ground limestone to the soil. Your hickory should sprout very soon. □



PIG NUT HICKORY

