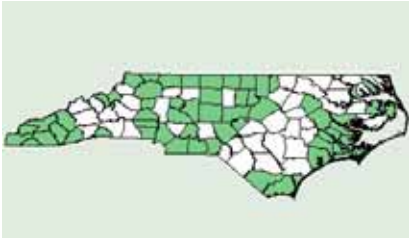


# ***PIGNUT HICKORY***

*Carya glabra*

***Aka sweetnut***



**Description:** A very long-lived deciduous shade tolerant hickory. Most flood intolerant hickory. Nuts are bitter. Hickory is stronger than steel, weight for weight, more elastic, less brittle and less heat-conductive.

**Natural Habitat:** Found growing along shoreline next to sounds and tidal creeks.

**Conservation Status:** Is it threatened or endangered in NC or any other state.

**Size:** 50-60 ft. tall

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Light:** full sun to part shade

**Planting and Care:** Prefers fertile, well drained soil. Drought and salt tolerate. Transplanting is difficult because of a large taproot.

**Ornamental Value:** Foliage turns beautiful yellow in autumn.

**Landscape Usage:** Use as a shade or specimen tree.

**Commercial/Traditional Uses:** American Hickory is the most prized wood of skiers the world over. Pignut hickory is commonly used for furniture, tool handles, sporting goods, agricultural implements, shuttle blocks, mallets, mauls, and fuel wood. Early settlers named the species "pignut" because their hogs loved to eat the nuts.

**Wildlife Benefits:** squirrels, chipmunks, foxes, rabbits, raccoons, turkeys, songbirds, deer, bear dine on bitter nuts.