

# *Asimina triloba*

## Pawpaw



*Asimina triloba* is a deciduous, understory, small tree with large, drooping leaves. New leaves are the only food source for the zebra swallowtail butterfly larvae. The dark, maroon flowers appear in early spring, before the leaves appear. The fruits, which have a taste similar to that of bananas, are a food source for small mammals. Cross pollination is required; to have fruit, more than one tree must be planted. The fruits mature in late spring to early summer. Pawpaw performs best in rich, well-drained soil. *A. triloba* needs filtered light for the first few years. After that pawpaw can take full sun, in most areas. Pawpaw will not transplant from the wild. Purchase container grown plants.

Height: 15' - 30', Spread: 15' - 20'