

Shademaster Honeylocust (*gleditsia triacanthos inermis* 'Shademaster')

Hardiness zones: **4-9**

Height: **40-50 feet**

Spread: **35 feet**

Flower color: **green/yellow**

Fall color: **yellow**

Soil moisture: **medium**

Soil type: **various**

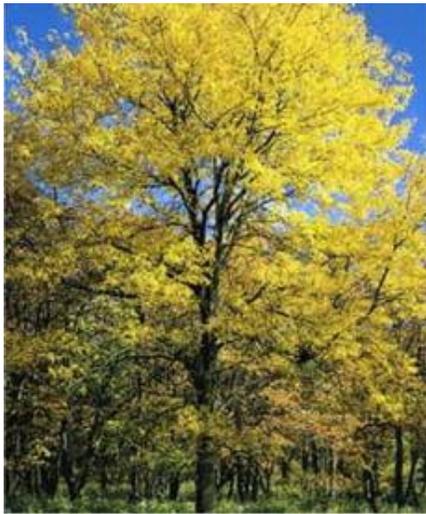
Light: **part shade to full sun**

Growth rate: **rapid**

Shape: **upright oval to rounded**

Drought tolerance: **moderate to high**

For those who would love the addition of a Locust tree to their landscape, but are leery of the fall clean-up and the large, painful thorns, this cultivar may be the answer! It has become the consensus among horticulturists that the best variety of Honeylocust is the 'Shademaster'. It has a high canopy, is relatively low maintenance and offers light, filtered shade.



Autumn colors of the Honeylocust



Fall foliage is a bright gold and drops early.



Fernlike leaves provide dappled shade.

The Honeylocust makes an excellent street and lawn tree and has begun to replace the elm as a favorite in many urban areas. It tolerates extreme urban stress and even thrives in inner city environments. It is valued for its rapid growth and establishment. It's a vigorous grower with a relatively straight trunk and graceful arching branches that often show a second flush of growth in the summer.



Early seed pods are a pale green...



turning a golden brown in late summer to fall.



Fissures in mature bark reveal and orange interior bark

Fall color is normally chartreuse, but in good years may be a beautiful golden-yellow. Most thornless cultivars, like the Shademaster, have little fruit set and the fine texture of its leaves make fall clean up easy. This variety has no significant negative characteristics. The addition of this versatile tree will add a delicate texture to any landscape.