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Kentucky Coffeetree *Gymnocladus dioica*

Description: Vertically ascending branches which form a narrow obovate crown. This is a picturesque tree when mature although it is sometimes described as “clumsy looking” when young. Provides light-medium shade.

Mature height is 60-75' with a spread of 40-50'

Leaves: dark green almost blueish green; alternate compound long pinnate with 2-3" long leaves

Bark: Rough, with hard, thin, firm and scaly ridges, grayish brown-dark brown

Fruit: Reddish brown leathery pod 5-10" long

Habitat: Hardy ranges 3-8. Full sun. This tree is adaptable to wide range of soil types, making it a perfect choice for city conditions.

Fun Facts: This native to the eastern United States tree is an underused but highly valuable street tree. Set yourself apart from your neighbor with one of these in your yard. You can see an example of this tree in Wilmington at 615 W. 37th Street and the right side of the courtyard entrance at the Delaware Center for Horticulture located at 1810 N. Dupont St.

