



# Mockernut Hickory

(*Carya tomentosa* Nutt.)

Also called “White Hickory”,  
“Whiteheart Hickory”, or “Big-bud Hickory”

**Location:** It can be found throughout North Carolina in well-drained soils.

**Bark:** The bark is dark gray to black, hard, closely and deeply furrowed, often appearing cross-furrowed or netted.

**Leaves:** 8 to 12 inches long with seven to nine (rarely five) thin, sharp-pointed, finely toothed leaflets that are dark green above and a hairy orange-brown below.

**Nut:** The nut is roundish to oval, 1 1/2 to 2 inches long, with a thick reddish-brown husk that splits almost to the base of the nut when ripe. The meat of the nut is sweet and is enclosed in a very thick shell.

**Wood Type:** Hardwood. The wood is heavy, hard, tough and strong; it is white except for its comparatively small, dark brown heart.

**Mature Height:** 50 to 70 feet high (can reach 100 feet)

**Mature Diameter:** 1 to 2 feet (can reach 3 feet)

**Uses:** Tool handles and in sporting goods.

**Reference:** Holmes, J. S., & Holmes, J. S. (2015). *Common forest trees of North Carolina: A pocket manual*. Raleigh, NC: North Carolina Forest Service.