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American Pawpaw

How to identify this tree



Pawpaw is a large shrub or small tree growing in the understory. The bark is smooth with wart-like lenticels.



The large waxy leaves, up to 12", turn golden yellow in the fall. They have distinctive smell, which some describe as a mix of diesel and green peppers.



Pawpaw flowers are about 1–2" across, red-purple or maroon when mature. The flowers are produced in early spring.



The fruit is green, oval, resembling a small mango. When ripe, the fruit has a custard-like texture and tastes of banana, melon, or mango. Inside each fruit are 1/2" black, flat seeds.

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