

PAW PAW

ASIMINA TRILOBA

THOUGH TROPICAL IN APPEARANCE, THE PAW PAW IS NATIVE TO NORTH AMERICA, ITS NATURAL RANGE EXTENDING NORTH TO SOUTHERN MICHIGAN. THE HUGE FOLIAGE REACHES UP TO 12" IN LENGTH AND ADDS A DISTINCT LOOK TO THE GARDEN. THE EDIBLE FRUIT, NOT FOUND IN GROCERY STORES SINCE IT DOES NOT SHIP WELL, IS DESCRIBED BY SOME AS A CROSS BETWEEN AN AVOCADO, A MANGO, AND A PEAR, AND BY OTHERS AS TASTING LIKE BANANA CUSTARD. PLANT AS AN UNDERSTORY TREE IN MOIST, ORGANIC SOIL, AND SHELTER YOUNG TREES FROM DRYING WINDS AND DIRECT SUNLIGHT. FOR FRUIT PRODUCTION, YOU'LL NEED AT LEAST TWO. SPRAYING FISH EMULSION AT BLOOM TIME MAY HELP ATTRACT ITS UNIQUE, CARRION EATING POLLINATORS. SUCKERING TREES REACH 15-20 FEET TALL AND WIDE. SOMETHING DIFFERENT FOR YOUR FOOD FOREST!



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