

# Pecan

## *Carya illinoensis*

- A species of **Hickory**, the Pecan tree is one of the largest species in the Hickory family, growing up to **100 ft.** and spanning across the Southern U.S. as well as parts of Mexico.
- The Pecan produces the **Pecan nut**, an edible **fruit** that is eaten both by animals and humans, and is very popular in many different recipes.
- Pecan nuts were a staple of **Native American diets**, used to make breads, flours, and other important foods; they were most important in the **fall and winter** months, when food had to be high in caloric content and easily stored.

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