

Yellowwood, American

Cladrastis kentuckea

- Name yellowwood comes from the yellow heartwood
- Deciduous medium-sized tree
- Develops a broad, rounded crown
- Branches are upright and spreading
- Has a short main trunk with major branches starting within 6' of the ground
- Likes moist, fertile, well-drained soils

- Alternate, pinnately compound leaves, 8" to 12" long
- Leaf color is bright green, almost with a tinge of blue
- Showy on most trees
- Autumn leaves soft mix of yellow, gold and orange

- White, pea-like flowers
- Fragrant; Early June in 10" to 16" long cluster
- Blooms heavily every 2 or 3 years

- Flattened pod, 2.5" to 4" long
Green pods turn brown in October

- Bark is smooth light gray
- Quite attractive

- Narrow branch angles make the tree prone to splitting




