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The large heart-shaped leaf, between 6-12 inches long and 5-8 inches wide, is simple (without teeth) and dull green. In autumn the leaves appear to turn blackish before falling. Look for 3 leaves growing together around a branch.

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The fruit identifies this tree from afar, especially in winter. These are narrow dark brown beans between 8-18 inches long containing many light brown seeds. The flowers of the Northern catalpa are showy upright clusters, 5-8 inches long and wide, flowering in late spring.

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The tree is 50-80 feet tall with a rounded crown and spreading branches. The bark is smooth and brownishgray, becoming furrowed and forming scaly plates.

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Because of the fast growth of the Catalpa, it was important to the building of our railroads and opening the West. The Catalpa became a prime source of wood for the railroad ties.

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