

# ArborTags



The pinnately, and even bipinnately, compound leaves are 4-8 inches long with 3-6 pairs of branches. Each leaf contains 20-30 somewhat thick and leathery leaflets and has no terminal leaflet.

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The Honeylocust owes its name to its long seedpods which contain a sweetish substance between the seeds. The pods are reddish brown to purple between 7-18 inches long and are often curved or twisted.

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The bark of mature trees is dark gray, nearly black, broken into long, narrow scaly ridges separated by deep colored fissures. In winter the angular branching is most apparent.

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Originally the tree was characterized by its heavy armament of thorns on the trunk, branches and twigs. Since then, a thornless variety has become popular in urban and suburban areas.

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