

# The QUALITIES

## OF THE ASIMINA TRILOBA

# pawpaw

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### NATIVE

This is a small deciduous tree native to the eastern United States. It thrives on this land & plays an important role in the ecosystem.

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### FRUIT BEARING

The pawpaw produces fruit that starts ripening from August to September. The fruit can be described as a cross between the banana and the mango because of its vibrant flavors and creamy texture. The fruit has a relatively short shelf life so its best to eat them fast.

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### TROPICAL

The trees short stature and long broad leaves give it a tropical appearance. This, along with the fruits tropical tasting fruit make it hard to believe that it's native to the eastern United States.

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### UNIQUE

It attracts the black and white striped Zebra Swallowtail whose caterpillars feed exclusively on Asimina leaves.

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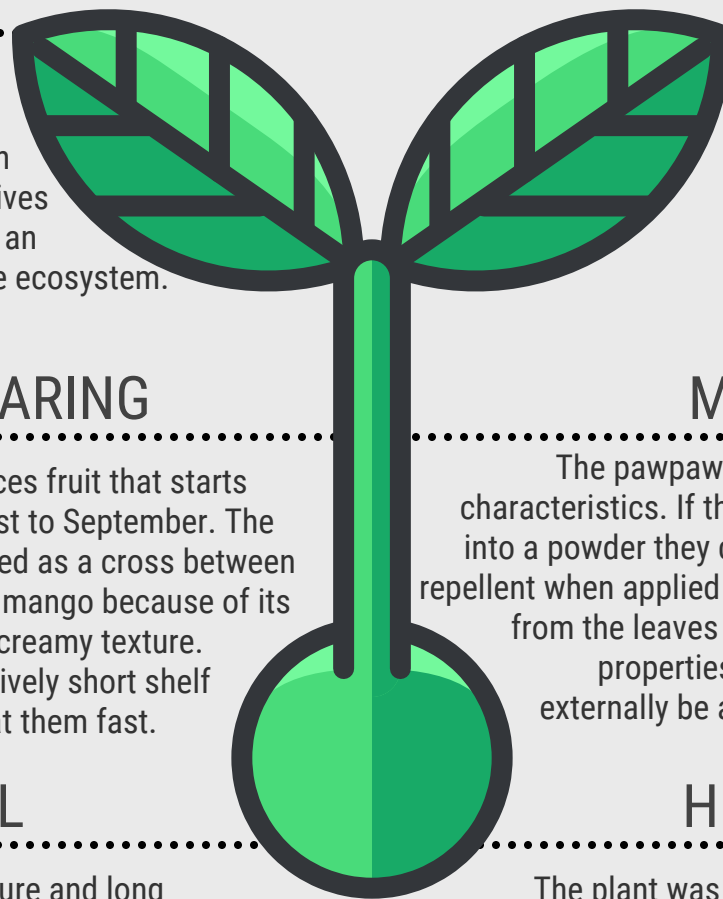
### MEDICINAL

The pawpaw has a few medicinal characteristics. If the seeds are crushed into a powder they can be used as a lice repellent when applied to the scalp, the oils from the leaves have cancer fighting properties, and the leaves can externally be applied to the skin to treat sores.

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### HISTORICAL

The plant was first recorded by the Hernando De Soto expedition in 1540. They noted that the fruit was apart of the native Indian's diets and was a readily available form of nutrition for them while they trekked along the states.



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