

# NORTHERN CATALPA

*Catalpa speciosa*

**Height:** 40-60'      **Spread:** 20-40'

**Location:** Zone 4, sun, moist, well-drained soil

**Shape:** Upright, oval crown

**Foliage:** Large, dark green, heart-shaped

**Notes:** Northern catalpa is a medium to large, deciduous tree with an irregular, open-rounded to narrow-oval crown. It is native to a relatively small area. Foliage turns an undistinguished yellow in fall. Flowers can be a real showstopper, however. Bell-shaped, orchid-like white flowers (to 2" long) with purple and yellow inner spotting appear in panicles in late spring. Flowers give way to long slender green seedpods (12-22" long). The seedpods mature in fall to dark brown and then split open lengthwise to release the seeds within. Abundant pods are produced every 2 to 3 years.

