

Northern Acclaim® Thornless Honeylocust

Gleditsia triacanthos var. *Inermis* 'Harve' (Family *Fabaceae*)

Description: Medium to large selection of thornless honeylocust with greater winter hardiness than the standard available cultivars in the nursery trade. Introduced by North Dakota State University, Northern Acclaim® is seedless and maintains attractive bright green foliage during the summer months changing to golden-yellow in the fall.

Hardiness: USDA hardiness zones 3 to 6

Natural Habitat: The parent plant is native to the United States.

Mature Size: Height: 40' to 50', Spread: 30' to 35'

Form (Shape): Pyramidal to upright, spreading with age.

Growth Rate: Moderate to fast

Foliage: Deciduous. Summer color is light green, turning golden yellow in the fall.

Texture: Fine to medium

Flowers: Greenish yellow, blooming from late May to early June. Flowers are insignificant and not ornamental.

Fruit: This cultivar is virtually seedless (fruitless); it does not produce the pods associated with female honeylocust plants.

Light: Full sun

Soil: Well-drained soils, pH adaptable and tolerant of higher pH soils. Has shown good drought tolerance.

Propagation: Chip budding onto one-year field established rootstocks.

Failure Patterns: Failure is uncommon

Insects and Diseases: No serious disease or pest issues. Resistant to canker disease.

Landscape Use: Northern Acclaim® is an urban tolerant, turf friendly, and drought tolerant selection. Minimum leaf litter, making autumn cleanup unnecessary. Can be used as a boulevard tree, and in park plantings where an attractive, hardy ornamental tree is desired.

Availability: Available in nurseries within the upper Midwest.