

Cladrastis kentuckea

American Yellowwood

Zone: 4-9

Height: 40'

Width: 50'

Crown: Round, vase

Growth Rate: Moderate

Soil: Clay, loam, sand

pH: Acidic, alkaline

Drought: Moderate tolerance

Breakage: Susceptible

Disease: Few if any

Pest: Few if any



As with most Legume family members, this tree is often difficult to get to grow into a single leader form. Pruning will be required in the early years to develop strong branching angles and a central leader. Don't be too downheartened if the leader isn't straight. You have to be good and lucky to make it happen. It's still a gorgeous tree even if it is a little crooked. Enjoy the fall color, fragrant white flowers clusters and deep shade. Robinson Nursery offers Cladrastis in bare root whips and branched trees. See also Cladrastis kentuckea 'Rosea'.