BLACK LOCUST VS HONEY LOCUST

Although both are members of the bean/pea family, have similar leaves, both have thorns, and produce pods - there should be NO problem identifying what kind of locust tree!

**BLACK LOCUST**
- Irregular crown/shape with ascending branches
- Rough, furrowed bark
- Single 1/2" thorns at branch junctures
- Leaves are larger
- 2-4" seed pods, flat

**HONEY LOCUST**
- Open plume / shape
- Bark is like rough flat plates
- Clusters of large 3-6" thorns. Similar in size to nails.
- Leaves are smaller
- 6-14" long seed pods, often curled

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REFERENCES