

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

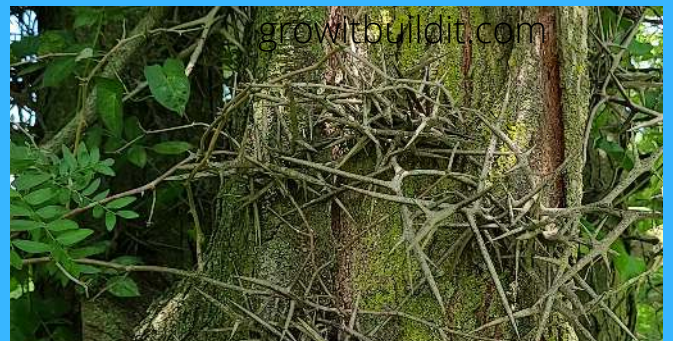
HONEY LOCUST



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

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