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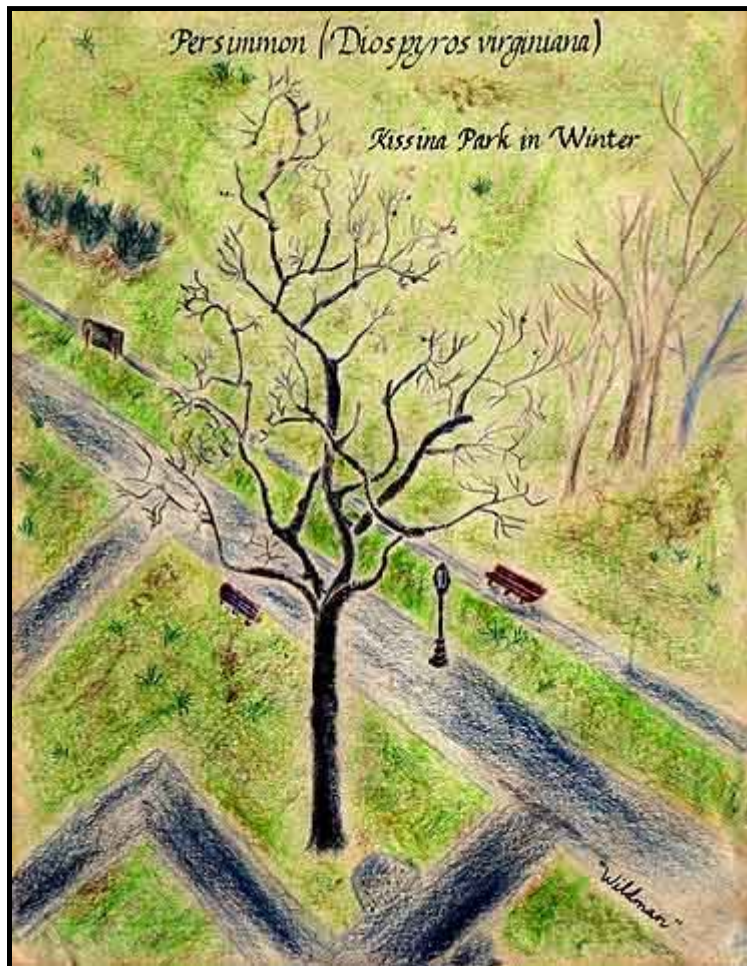
## American Persimmon (*Diospyros virginiana*)



### A Pictorial Portrait

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#### Persimmon Tree in Kissena Park

American persimmons are sometimes planted in urban parks.

Native to eastern North America, this tree provides abundant superb sweet,

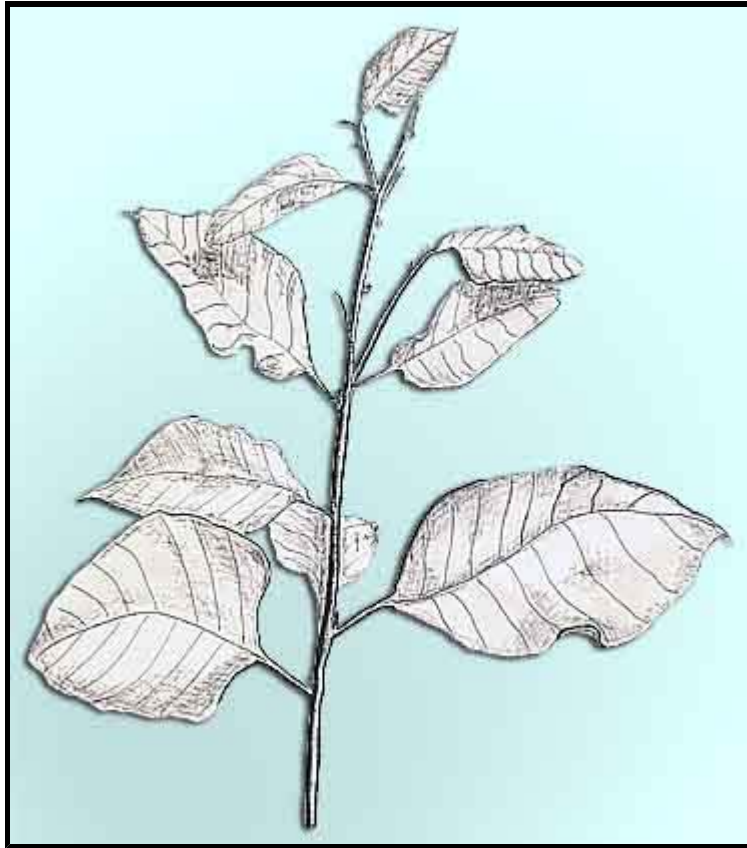
pulpy fruit, usually in late fall.

Eat only fully ripe fruit, nearly rotten-looking, or you'll be in for an unpleasant astringent surprise.



### **Persimmon Flowers**

4-lobed yellow flowers with globular bases bloom in the spring.

**Persimmon Branch**

The oval, alternate (single) unserrated leaves make an excellent herb tea, rich in vitamin C.



### **Ripe Persimmons**

The pulpy, orange, globular fruits are ripe only after they wrinkle and discolor.



### **Persimmon on Twig**

The orange, stalkless fruit attaches directly to the slender twig.



**Ripe Persimmon**

Note the wrinkles, cracks, and discoloration.

**Persimmon Trunk**

This member of the ebony family has characteristic dark bark. It's broken into distinctive rectangles, like a mosaic, making it easy to recognize.



### **Persimmon Pond**

The best place for persimmons in NY is around this pond in Muttontown Preserve in East Norwich, NY.

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