

Texas Persimmon (*Diospyros texana*)

★ Texas Native



Mature Texas persimmon



Leaves



Bark

OVERVIEW

Texas persimmon (also known as Mexican persimmon or “Chapote”) is a medium-sized ornamental tree native to Texas. Its most striking feature is its smooth gray bark that gives the trunk a muscular, textured look. In Dallas it typically grows 15–25 feet tall, with a few exceptional specimens growing to 40 feet.

Overall, Texas persimmon is a hardy, attractive choice for North Texas landscapes, especially in sunny spots where a compact, drought-tolerant tree is desired.

PROS

- ✓ The thin, smooth bark exfoliates in patches, exposing mottled tones of gray, white, and even pink.
- ✓ Unlike oaks and elms, few serious pests or diseases threaten the Texas persimmon.

CONSIDERATIONS

- ⊖ When crushed, the fruit may stain hardscapes. It was historically used to produce black dye.
- ⊖ This tree naturally grows in rocky environments and suffers in poorly-drained soils.