

WELCOMING OUR SAPLING TO THE WORLD

This baby book celebrates the creation, growth, and developments of the Black Locust tree, #44 on the Yale Nature Walk.



HOW YOU CAME TO BE: It was late in spring and all of my little white flowers were ready for the warm weather. I was sitting there, sessile as usual, and a nice bee buzzed right into my little white flower, carrying your father's pollen. Soon after that, our love developed into a cute brown pod containing you and a dozen of your siblings!

POD SIZE: 3.5 inches!

COLOR: dark brown



AFTER GERMINATION BEGAN...

FIRST LEAF: 6 days old

LENGTH OF LEAF: 3.4 inches at 2 months old

FIRST THORNS: 9 months old

HOW YOU LOOKED: Perfect! Your stem zig-zagged and was a little bit angular, but that only made you cuter to us. You grew so well with all the sunshine we had that summer! Your first pair of thorns came in at the base of your leaf petiole, and to be honest I went through the same awkward phase at your age.



HOW YOU GREW:

5 YEARS: 2.3 ft. tall

10 YEARS: 3.7 ft. tall!



FIRST SEEDS: 6 years old

