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# Diospyros virginiana

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# Wes Whiteside—Species Information Sheet

## I. Nomenclature

**Family:** Ebenaceae

**Genus Species(Authority):** *Diospyros virginiana* L.

**Subspecies/Variety(Authority):**

**Cultivar:**

**Common Name:** Persimmon

## II. Origin (country and/or habitat)

Native/Rare    Native/Uncommon    Old World/Rare    Old  
World/Uncommon

*Diospyros virginiana* has a native range from Nebraska, east through the Midwest to the East Coast into New York and Maryland, throughout the Southeast and down to Texas, including Utah and California (USDA 2011).

## III. Habit

<b>Tree</b>	Shrub	Vine
Herbaceous Annual Perennial	Herbaceous Biennial	Herbaceous

**Flowering Season:** May to June

**Flower Color:** White

**Fruit Type:** Berry

## IV. Source of Plant Material

**From where or whom obtained and when:** *Diospyros virginiana* was grown from seed collected locally in the wild.

**Propagule Material:**

**Details:**                      **Seed**                      Vegetative                      Whole Plant

**Availability:** *Diospyros virginiana* is occasionally available commercially, more so as named grafts, from specialty fruit nurseries; readily available in the wild within its range.

**V. Cultural**

**Special Soil Type:** Average

**Soil Moisture:** Wet                      **Mesic**                      Dry                      Other

**VI. Additional Comments**

Once the plants Wes planted started to bloom, he removed all but one of the males while retaining the females. Dr. Whiteside removes seedlings that pop up around the garden regularly.

**VII. Literature Cited**

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