

Walnut - facts and maintenance

Latin: *Juglans nigra*

American black walnut trees are proud towering trees. In the wild they grow to be up to 30 meters tall and over 200 years old. When cultured they are usually grown to be 4-5 meters tall. It has a widespread crown and a thick straight stem dressed with ash grey bark. The splintwood is light in color, while the heartwood is a dark brown. Walnut is a widely popular sort of wood, thanks to its beautiful grains and because it is easily worked and strong.



Curious facts

Black walnut is a popular tree to grow in the US, and is often grown for decoration in California, despite being native only in the central and eastern states. In nature, walnut trees mainly grow in small groups or spread out among other trees such as elm, ash, red oak, maple or hickory trees. Walnut prefer growing on riverbeds or slopes where the climate doesn't get too hot, or too dry.

The heartwood from black walnut is used in a wide variety of items, such as furniture, floors, gun stocks and even propellers for aircrafts. Another usage of the tree is of course its nuts, which are a popular snack in many countries. Another usage for the nuts is that they can be used to better scratches in hardwood furniture or floors. This is done by simple rubbing a walnut without its shell against the wood where it is scratched and wiping it very lightly with a rag afterwards. The natural oils of the nut creates a protective layer which covers up the scratch and repairs the wood.

A folklore myth about walnuts, is that if you keep one in your pockets it will cure you of back pain over the course of a couple of weeks.

Waxed walnut interior doors (Expired oktober 2017)

Sand the door with 320 grain sand paper in the direction of the wood fibers to get the surface area completely flat and even. Then wax it again with *Herdins Oljevax* according to the instructions on the bottle. Small bottles can be bought at www.herdins.se.

Oiled walnut interior doors

From October 2017 and onwards, our walnut doors will be oiled with one layer of teak oil to deepen the color, then the doors will be treated with *Osmo Polyx-oil 3032 clear, satin*. If maintenance is needed, use *Osmo wash and care (8016)* or liquid wax cleaner. Contact your local decorator or paint shop or visit www.welinoco.com.

Enjoy your walnut door!