



# Springboro Tree Farms

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## Black Locust

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Robinia pseudoacacia*

FAMILY: Fabaceae

ORIGIN: Eastern and Southeastern United States

In early spring, the black locust bloom provides an early nectar flow that the bees at Springboro Tree Farms use to make honey.

According to Charles Deam, (Author of *Trees of Indiana*) the wood from the Black Locust is lighter and stronger than that of the white oak tree. In addition, its durability in

contact with the ground make it ideal for fence posts, railroad ties, etc. We have several posts that have been in the ground since 1992. Look around...you'll find them.

In addition, Black Locust is the only wood we burn in our syrup evaporator. The BTU of burning cured black locust provide the high flu temperature we need to optimize the evaporation rate of our small maple syrup evaporator.

The scientific name of Black Locust is *Robinia pseudoacacia*. It is a medium-

sized hardwood tree. It is native to areas of the United States but it has been widely planted in North America.

