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Growing pecan trees from seed nuts

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Growing pecan trees from seed nuts is the easiest and cheapest way of growing pecan trees. Also, if you are able to get good, fresh seed, this is the surest way as well. If you can keep squirrels and other hungry rodents away, that is! (Hint: It does help if you put a screen on the ground after you plant the nuts. Remove this screen in May or June.)

For planting, all you have to do is plant the seed nut three and a half inches deep where you want the tree to grow to full size. The best time to plant is in the fall, just before the ground freezes. Alternatively, keep the nuts in a refrigerator over the winter and then plant them as soon as the ground thaws. To make sure you will get a tree where you want it, plant two or even three nuts in the same spot (about 4-6 inches apart). If they all come up (which they probably will) you can either dig one or two up and move them or simply let them grow and have a two or three trunk pecan tree bearing two or three different types of pecans! For large crops. Make sure you plant at least two pecan trees.

The pecan seed nuts usually germinate in either June or July and, for about a month, seem to grow fairly rapidly to a height of 8 to 12 inches by fall. Weeding carefully near the small tree and watering regularly with soluble fertilizers such as MiracleGro will speed growth.