

# Honey Locust

## *Gleditsia triacanthos*



Images of *G. triacanthos* 'Elegantissima': Treelogic P/L ©



### Description

Typical height:  
12-14 metres

Typical width:  
8-12 metres

Growth rate:  
Fast

Typical form:  
Tall, open, spreading tree with  
ascending branches.

### Origin

East and central North America from, southern Ontario to Florida.

### Characteristics

Bright green, elegant pinnate foliage turning yellow in autumn. Simple or branched flattened thorns on branches and trunk. Fruit pods dark brown, twisted, long, flat and curved.

### Tolerances

High pollution, drought and salinity tolerance. Relatively tolerant of compacted soil. Not susceptible to any serious pest or disease attacks.

### Facts and Trivia

Thorns probably evolved to protect the trees from grazing Pleistocene megafauna such as Woolly Mammoths.

Name does not relate to honey production, rather the sweet flavour of the seed pulp that were eaten and used in traditional medicine by Native Americans.