



LINDA WILLIAMS PALMER
Arkansas Champion Trees: An Artist's Journey
PERSIMMON

(Diospyros virginiana) - National Champion - Yell County, Dardanelle 2009

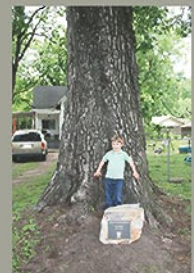
Colored pencil on paper by Linda Williams Palmer - 52" h x 38" w - framed

Detail: *Leaves, Persimmon* by Linda Williams Palmer - 14" h x 18 1/2" w - framed

CHAMPION STATISTICS

Circumference: 151" Crown Spread: 73' Height: 96' Bigness Index: 265

This Persimmon is the National Champion: the largest Persimmon tree on record in the United States. Most Persimmons are small trees that rarely exceed 50' in height. This tree is 96' tall, probably because it grows close to the river. The Persimmon tree is known for bitter green fruit that becomes sweet and edible when very ripe. The word persimmon comes from Native American languages spoken by eastern Algonquian tribes, originally meaning "a dry fruit." - LWP



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