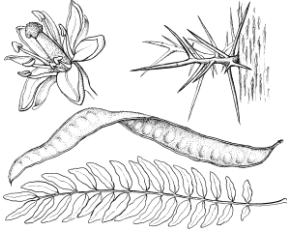


Provided full genus and species description; treated as an entry in the key to genera in *Flora* 2nd edition.

Gleditsia J. Clayton Locust

Infl racemose, rarely pan; fls ♀ to ♂♀; calyx fused, lobes 3–5, spreading; petals 3–5, gen = in length to calyx lobes, the lower 2 sometimes fused; stamens 6–10, distinct; style short, stigma large; pods large, compressed, usually indehiscent, 1-many-seeded; seeds flattened, suborbicular; large, deciduous trees, with spreading brs, usually armed, with lvs alt, often fascicled, pinnately to bipinnately compound, stipules absent or minute. (For Johann Gottlieb Gleditsch 1714–1786, botanist and contemporary of Linnaeus).



G. triacanthos L. Honey l. Trees to 25+ m (where native); lower sts and trunk gen with simple to br thorns to 10 cm long, occ unarmed; lvs pinnately compound, 14–20 cm long; lflets 1–3.5 cm long, oblong-lanceolate, distally crenate-serrulate; racemes 5–7 cm long; fls inconspicuous, greenish, short-stalked; pod 30–45 cm long, falcate, twisted, filled with green pulp between the seeds; mostly along CR riparian zone in our area; c and e N Am intro often pl as orn and escaping cult; c WA to CA, e to Atl.