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The Osage Orange tree, named after the Osage Indian tribe of the Great Southern Plains, is a native tree of the American southwest. They are not native, to the American southeast. The flexible, yet strong limbs of the trees were used by American Indians to make bows. The wood was used to make dye. Another use for the tree derives from the long, spiny thorns that grow on the limbs of Osage orange trees. When they are planted close together, these thorns will intertwine, making primitive barbed wire. To learn more about these trees visit Musgrove Mill State Historic Site where you can find these growing! <http://southcarolinaparks.com/musgrovemill>



Dan Goodwin Also called a Horse Apple.

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S Cory Tanner and Bodark

at 15:55:33 on 9/18/2012 UTC



Erica Pearce Growing up in Texas we always called them horse apples

at 16:22:11 on 9/18/2012 UTC



Ernest Everett Blevins the CCC camp near Villa Rica, Georgia sits on a property of a late friend of mine. Years ago he told me how the CCC in West Georgia planted them for erosion control but also because the deer loved eating it as well. He was a boy when Camp Lucrecita was there in the 1930s.

at 17:06:05 on 9/18/2012 UTC



Michael Ruff My gradnaprents had these growing around their property when I was growing up. I never knew what they were.

at 17:54:51 on 9/18/2012 UTC



Lori Caroline My father makes pepper mills out of these trees and they are gorgeous!!!

at 18:22:58 on 9/18/2012 UTC



Musgrove Mill Militia & Co. Check out our photo albums of Musgrove Mill on our Facebook page!

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Anna Abbott here is Iowa they are calling them hedge apples....and telling me to put them in



the corner of the basement to keep the spiders away! IDK????? I'll share this and see what their responses are :)
at 18:51:55 on 9/18/2012 UTC



Sue Ann Tarkenton The fruit looks beautiful on fall wreaths and displays.
at 21:11:24 on 9/18/2012 UTC



Nancy Murphy Secrist Interesting, thanks for posting
at 11:21:45 on 9/19/2012 UTC



Frank Crane The only place I have seen them is in Illinois.
at 12:36:05 on 9/19/2012 UTC



Mt. Pleasant Velo Events We had them in my backyard in Ohio. Also called them Hedge Apples. The horses loved them (also gave them awful gas). They made great ammunition for the Potato Cannons (except for the sticky milk inside). Osage Orange wood is a spectacular orange and very hard too.
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