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Green Vase Zelkova

Zelkova serrata 'Green Vase'



Green Vase Zelkova
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Height: 70 feet

Spread: 50 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Japanese Zelkova

Description:

A close relative of the elm, a tall, upright shade tree with a vase-shaped habit, interesting peeling bark and reliable fall color; low maintenance and trouble-free, an excellent choice for street plantings or larger landscapes

Ornamental Features

Green Vase Zelkova is primarily valued in the landscape for its cascading habit of growth. It has forest green deciduous foliage. The serrated pointy leaves turn an outstanding coppery-bronze in the fall.



Green Vase Zelkova in fall
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Landscape Attributes

Green Vase Zelkova is a deciduous tree with a shapely form and gracefully arching branches. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Green Vase Zelkova is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade

Planting & Growing

Green Vase Zelkova will grow to be about 70 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 50 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 6 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 70 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.



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