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Prospector Elm

Ulmus 'Prospector'

Height: 60 feet

Spread: 50 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

An extremely fast growing hybrid elm with a broadly upright habit of growth, eventually becoming open and irregular, resistant to disease and insect attack; a good choice for shade or as a street tree

Ornamental Features

Prospector Elm has dark green foliage throughout the season. The large serrated pointy leaves turn yellow in fall. Neither the flowers nor the fruit are ornamentally significant.

Landscape Attributes

Prospector Elm is a deciduous tree with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Prospector Elm is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade

Planting & Growing

Prospector Elm will grow to be about 60 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 50 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 7 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 90 years or more.



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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, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.