North Platte English Walnut

Juglans regia 'North Platte'



North Platte English Walnut
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Height: 40 feet

Spread: 40 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Common Walnut, Persian Walnut

Description:

A large shade tree with compound leaves providing an interesting texture, best for larger landscapes and nut orchards; this variety of walnut is grown for its fruit, attracts squirrels, can be somewhat messy; this is one of the hardiest varieties

Edible Qualities

North Platte English Walnut is a large tree that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces large brown oval nuts in hard shells which are usually ready for picking from early to late fall. The nuts have a sweet taste and an oily texture.

The nuts are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Cooking

Features & Attributes

North Platte English Walnut has dark green deciduous foliage on a tree with a round habit of growth. The large pinnately compound leaves turn yellow in fall. It produces brown nuts in late fall. The fruit can be messy if allowed to drop on the lawn or walkways, and may require occasional clean-up.

This is a deciduous tree with a more or less rounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition. This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting squirrels to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Aside from its primary use as an edible, North Platte English Walnut is sutiable for the following landscape applications;

- Shade
- Orchard/Edible Landscaping

Planting & Growing

North Platte English Walnut will grow to be about 40 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 40 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 5 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 100 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations! While it is considered to be somewhat self-pollinating, it tends to set heavier quantities of fruit with a different variety of the same species growing nearby.

This tree is typically grown in a designated area of the yard because of its mature size and spread. It 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 may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.