Yatsubusa Elm

Ulmus parvifolia 'Yatsubusa'

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Dwarf Elm, Lacebark Elm

Description:

A magificent dwarf accent tree featuring tiny, dark green leaves and interesting corky bark, impressive in winter; highly resistant to Dutch elm disease, adaptable, and great for smaller spaces

Ornamental Features

Yatsubusa Elm has attractive dark green deciduous foliage on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. The tiny serrated pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding harvest gold in the fall. The mottled brown bark is extremely showy and adds significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Yatsubusa Elm is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

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

Yatsubusa Elm is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent



Yatsubusa Elm foliage
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Planting & Growing

Yatsubusa Elm will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 70 years or more.

This shrub 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 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.



Yatsubusa Elm bark
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