Lamplighter Parrotia

Parrotia persica 'Lamplighter'



Lamplighter Parrotia foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Persian Ironwood

Description:

An excellent small tree with many ornamental attributes; very neat, upright habit of growth; foliage displays interesting irregular cream variegation and superb burgundy to pink fall color, holding late into fall; very adaptable to diverse conditions

Ornamental Features

Lamplighter Parrotia has creamy white-variegated forest green foliage which emerges pink in spring on a tree with an oval habit of growth. The glossy oval leaves turn outstanding shades of burgundy, pink and purple in the fall. The peeling brown bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Lamplighter Parrotia is a deciduous tree with a shapely oval 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 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.

Lamplighter Parrotia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening

Planting & Growing

Lamplighter Parrotia will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 80 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 may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. 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.