Select Parrotia

Parrotia persica 'Select'



Select Parrotia
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Height: 30 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Persian Ironwood

Description:

An excellent small tree with many ornamental attributes; very neat, upright habit of growth; foliage emerges with deep purple margins in spring; fall colors are deep tones of red and orange; very adaptable to diverse conditions

Ornamental Features

Select Parrotia has forest green deciduous foliage which emerges deep purple in spring on a tree with an oval habit of growth. The glossy oval leaves turn outstanding shades of orange and dark red in the fall. The peeling brown bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Select 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.

Select Parrotia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Select Parrotia will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 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 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.