Mountain Gum

Eucalyptus dalrympleana

Height: 60 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 8

Description:

An upright and erect tree, potentially growing to 150 ft but can be regularly pruned to size; a columnar, fast growing specimen with a creamy white trunk; white flowers in summer, foliage is aromatic; needs a large space

Ornamental Features

Mountain Gum features showy clusters of white flowers at the ends of the branches in mid summer. It has attractive bluish-green evergreen foliage. The fragrant narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter. The smooth white bark is extremely showy and adds significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Mountain Gum is an evergreen tree with a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. 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 tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting birds and bees to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Mountain Gum is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent



Mountain Gum
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Mountain Gum foliage
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Planting & Growing

Mountain Gum will grow to be about 60 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 25 feet. It has a high canopy of foliage that sits well above 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 60 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for sandy, acidic soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.



Mountain Gum bark
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