Wrede's Golden Elm

Ulmus x hollandica 'Wredei'

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Dutch Elm

Description:

An ornamental variety that is a narrow columnar small tree with stunning golden leaves; excellent for gardens or landscapes with restricted space as it rarely grows more than 15 feet

Ornamental Features

Wrede's Golden Elm has attractive gold deciduous foliage on a plant with a columnar habit of growth. The small serrated pointy leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color. The mottled brown bark is extremely showy and adds significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Wrede's Golden Elm is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub 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 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.

Wrede's Golden Elm is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Wrede's Golden Elm
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Wrede's Golden Elm foliage
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Planting & Growing

Wrede's Golden Elm will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, 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 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Wrede's Golden Elm makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.