



Oregon Ash

Fraxinus latifolia

Height: 70 feet

Spread: 50 feet

Sunlight: ☐ ☒

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Description:

A large, long lived shade tree, prized for its neat oval habit of growth when young; low maintenance and attractive bright yellow fall color; tolerates standing water in winter and thrives in moist to wet soils; at its best in larger yards and landscapes

Ornamental Features

Oregon Ash has rich green foliage with grayish green undersides on a tree with an oval habit of growth. The large textured oval compound leaves turn outstanding shades of yellow, gold and brown in the fall. It produces light green samaras with gray overtones from late summer to early fall. The fruit can be messy if allowed to drop on the lawn or walkways, and may require occasional clean-up.

Landscape Attributes

Oregon Ash is a deciduous tree with a strong central leader and 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 tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned in summer after the leaves have fully developed, as it may 'bleed' sap if pruned in late winter or early spring. It is a good choice for attracting birds and butterflies to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Oregon Ash is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade



Oregon Ash
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Oregon Ash
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Planting & Growing

Oregon Ash will grow to be about 70 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 50 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 7 feet from 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 medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 250 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations! This is a dioecious species, meaning that individual plants are either male or female. Only the females will produce fruit, and a male variety of the same species is required nearby as a pollinator.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It is quite adaptable, preferring to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. 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 species is native to parts of North America.