Ambassador Oak
Quercus 'Ambzam'

Ambassador Oak
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Height: 50 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

A tall and stately hybrid oak with a symmetrical narrowly conical habit of growth, ideal as a shade tree in smaller home landscapes; extremely tough and adaptable, faster growing than other oaks

Ornamental Features

Ambassador Oak has dark green deciduous foliage on a tree with a pyramidal habit of growth. The lobed leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color. However, the fruit can be messy in the landscape and may require occasional clean-up.

Landscape Attributes

Ambassador Oak is a dense deciduous tree with a distinctive and refined pyramidal 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 is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting squirrels to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Messy

Ambassador Oak is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade
- Vertical Accent

Planting & Growing

Ambassador Oak will grow to be about 50 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 25 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 slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 300 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations!

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 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.