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Mexican Sycamore

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Mexican Sycamore

Platanus mexicana



Mexican Sycamore
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 60 feet

Spread: 40 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 7b

Other Names: Platanus mexicanus, Planetree, Buttonwood

Description:

A fast growing and drought hardy relative of the American Sycamore; interesting large leaves and beautiful silvery mottled bark; a great shade tree for larger landscapes; quite resistant to disease and insects

Ornamental Features

Mexican Sycamore has rich green foliage with silver undersides on a tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. The large serrated lobed leaves turn coppery-bronze in fall. The mottled silver bark is extremely showy and adds significant winter interest.



Mexican Sycamore foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Landscape Attributes

Mexican Sycamore is a multi-stemmed deciduous tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

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, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Mexican Sycamore is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade

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Planting & Growing

Mexican Sycamore will grow to be about 60 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 40 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 6 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 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 to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.