



Mongolian Oak
Quercus mongolica

Height: 60 feet

Spread: 60 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3

Description:

This is a regal shade tree, with a rounded growth habit that will become more irregular with age; dense green foliage in summer turns brown with shades of rose in fall; a great tree for birds and other wildlife; a specimen for large landscapes

Ornamental Features

Mongolian Oak has dark green foliage with light green undersides throughout the season. The large fuzzy lobed leaves turn brown and rose in fall. Neither the flowers nor the fruit are ornamentally significant. However, the fruit can be messy in the landscape and may require occasional clean-up. The furrowed tan bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Mongolian Oak is a dense deciduous tree with a more or less rounded form. 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 birds and squirrels to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Messy

Mongolian Oak is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade
- Vertical Accent



Mongolian Oak
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Planting & Growing

Mongolian Oak will grow to be about 60 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 60 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 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 growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. 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.
