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Exclamation! London Planetree

Platanus x acerifolia 'Morton Circle'



Exclamation! London Planetree
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 60 feet

Spread: 45 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

Selected for its uniform, upright pyramidal habit and attractive foliage; densely branched with a moderate growth rate; beautiful white and brown mottled bark; best in larger landscapes; very resistant to frost cracking and disease

Ornamental Features

Exclamation! London Planetree has forest green deciduous foliage on a tree with a pyramidal 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.

Landscape Attributes

Exclamation! London Planetree is a deciduous tree with a distinctive and refined pyramidal 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, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Messy

Exclamation! London Planetree is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade



Exclamation! London Planetree bark
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Planting & Growing

Exclamation! London Planetree will grow to be about 60 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 45 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 medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 100 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations!

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, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

