

FACT SHEET

PLATANUS x ACERIFOLIA– LONDON PLANE TREE



Origin: Hybrid

Habit: The London Plane is a large deciduous tree growing to 20–25m Over a 40 year period with a trunk up to 2 m or more in circumference.

Description: **Leaf:** 5 to 9 inches long, just as wide, 3- to 5-, medium green above, paler below,

Flower: Not showy, usually two per stalk, appearing in early spring as the leaves begin to unfold.

Fruit: A spherical multiple of achenes, 1 to 1 1/2 inches in diameter, ripening to brown in October and persisting into winter, usually borne in pairs, hanging from long, thin stalks.

Twig: Moderate zigzag pattern, green, turning grayish brown, leaves cover axillary and terminal buds, buds are conical, reddish and covered with a single cap-like scale, this stipule scar encircles twig.

Bark: Attractive, light brown, exfoliating into creamy, olive and yellow patches.

Tolerances: Is drought tolerant and prefers full sun or partial shade. Prefers well drained soils

Notes: Flower colour is a deep red. Suitable under powerlines, few reports of it shedding limbs in urban landscape plantings.

References: <http://www.cnr.vt.edu/dendro/dendrology/syllabus/factsheet.cfm?ID=307>
http://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Files/Platanus_x_acerifolia.pdf