

FACT SHEET

ULMUS PROCERA – ‘ENGLISH ELM’



Origin: China and Japan

Habit: A broad crowned evergreen (in mild climates) to semi-deciduous, non suckering tree growing to a maximum height of about 12m x 10m

Description: Bark, an attractive mottled orange-brown peeling in small patches. Leaves 2.5-5cm long, thick. Dark, shining green above, paler below, teeth mostly. Fruit, 7-9mm long with seed in the centre, varying in development from March to June

Tolerances: Urban sites, rapid growth

Notes: The Chinese Elm is a tough landscape tree, hardy enough for use in harsh planting situations such as parking lots, in small planters along streets and in plazas or patios. Chinese Elms are frequently used in bonsai; they are considered a good choice for beginners owing to their high tolerance of pruning.

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