



Ash, European Mountain
Sorbus aucuparia 'Xanthocarpa'

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Other Names: Rowan, Rowan Tree

Description:

A beautiful and popular small accent tree featuring clusters of white flowers in spring followed by clusters of yellow fruit lasting into winter; shiny brownish gray bark, attractive compound leaves turn orange and red in fall; needs well drained soil

Ornamental Features

Ash, European Mountain features showy clusters of white flowers held atop the branches in mid spring. The yellow fruits are held in abundance in spectacular clusters from early fall to late winter. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The oval compound leaves turn an outstanding orange in the fall. The smooth olive green bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Ash, European Mountain is a deciduous tree with a shapely oval form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Ash, European Mountain is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Ash, European Mountain will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.



Ash, European Mountain fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.