Sycamore, Variegated

Platanus x hispanica 'Suttneri'



Sycamore, Variegated
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Height: 80 feet

Spread: 30 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: syn. Platanus x acerifolia suttneri

Description:

A durable and attractive shade and street tree, very interesting variegated leaves and beautiful white and brown mottled bark; best in larger landscapes; somewhat susceptible to disease

Ornamental Features

Sycamore, Variegated has creamy white-spotted rich green foliage on a tree with a pyramidal habit of growth. The large serrated lobed leaves turn gold in fall. The mottled silver bark is extremely showy and adds significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Sycamore, Variegated 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 is a high maintenance tree that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting 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

Sycamore, Variegated is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade



Sycamore, Variegated bark
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Planting & Growing

Sycamore, Variegated will grow to be about 80 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 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 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. 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, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Clean up Rating (1-5) 1=least effort 5=most effort

Clean Up Rating (5): Seeds are 1/2 inch surrounded by fuzz making them 1 1/2 to 2 inches they start dropping in spring. Clean up for seeds, leaves and peeling bark blow or rake onto lawn and mow or bag them. Strong winds can cause small branches to fall. Clean up for branches is to pick them up and bag them. We recommend this as a country or a pasture tree, Not a lawn tree. It is very tolerant of adverse conditions and an excellent for live stock. Place where the exfoliating bark and seed balls are not a problem.