Parrotia, Ruby Vase

Parrotia persica 'Ruby Vase'

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Persian Ironwood

Description:

A spectacular variety with a very neat, vase shaped habit of growth; foliage emerges burgundy, and holds tints of red through summer; fall colors ranging from yellow to orange to red, holding late into fall; very adaptable to diverse conditions



Parrotia, Ruby Vase
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Parrotia, Ruby Vase is primarily valued in the landscape for its interesting and distinctive form. It has red-variegated forest green foliage which emerges burgundy in spring. The serrated oval leaves turn outstanding shades of yellow, orange and red in the fall. The mottled brown bark is extremely showy and adds significant winter interest.



Parrotia, Ruby Vase foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Landscape Attributes

Parrotia, Ruby Vase is a dense deciduous tree with an indistinguished habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Parrotia, Ruby Vase is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening

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Planting & Growing

Parrotia, Ruby Vase will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 feet. It has a low canopy, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more.

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. 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.

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

Clean Up Rating (2): The leaves, petal-less flowers and 3/8 inch egg shaped nutlets can be cleaned up by blowing or raking onto the lawn and mow or bag.



Parrotia, Ruby Vase in fall
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