Parrotia, Vanessa

Parrotia persica 'Vanessa'



Parrotia, Vanessa
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 28 feet

Spread: 14 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: P. persica Fastigiata

Description:

An upright pyramidal form of this landscape gem with a very neat, upright habit of growth, interesting mottled bark and superb blend of fall colors ranging from yellow to orange to red, holding late into fall; very adaptable to diverse conditions

Ornamental Features

Parrotia, Vanessa is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has forest green deciduous foliage which emerges burgundy in spring. The serrated oval leaves turn an outstanding orange in the fall. The mottled brown bark is extremely showy and adds significant winter interest.



Parrotia, Vanessa in fall
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Landscape Attributes

Parrotia, Vanessa is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous tree with a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. 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, Vanessa is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening

Planting & Growing

Parrotia, Vanessa will grow to be about 28 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 14 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under 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.



Parrotia, Vanessa
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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.