



Wafer Ash*
Ptelea trifoliata

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ☉ ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Other Names: Hop Tree, Water Ash

Description:

An uncommon small native tree with a wide, spreading habit; grown for interesting green hop-like fruits in summer, performs well in shade and dry sites; larval host for Giant Swallowtail butterflies

Ornamental Features

Wafer Ash has dark green deciduous foliage on a tree with a round habit of growth. The glossy compound leaves turn yellow in fall. It produces small clusters of green hop-like fruit from late summer to early fall. The warty gray bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Wafer Ash is a multi-stemmed deciduous tree with a more or less rounded 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 is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering

Wafer Ash is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use



Wafer Ash
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Wafer Ash flowers
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Planting & Growing

Wafer Ash will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This tree performs well in both full sun and full shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is native to parts of North America.

** This is a 'special order' plant - contact store for details*