Amur Cork Tree

Phellodendron amurense

Height: 40 feet

Spread: 50 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3b



Amur Cork Tree
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Description:

A wonderfully picturesque wide-spreading tree valued for its distinctive form, tends to be low-branched with stout, broadly spreading branches when mature, interesting corky bark; most effective where it has lots of room to spread

Ornamental Features

Amur Cork Tree is primarily valued in the landscape for its cascading habit of growth. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The glossy pointy compound leaves turn an outstanding gold in the fall. However, the fruit can be messy in the landscape and may require occasional clean-up. The warty gray bark is extremely showy and adds significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Amur Cork Tree is an open deciduous tree with a shapely form and gracefully arching branches. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Amur Cork Tree is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade



Amur Cork Tree bark
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Planting & Growing

Amur Cork Tree will grow to be about 40 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 50 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 5 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 60 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is an amazingly adaptable plant, tolerating both dry conditions and even some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.



Amur Cork Tree in fall
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