

Botanical Name: Ulmus parvifolia

Common Name: Chinese elm, Evergreen elm

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character evergreen (mostly)

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape variable in form; is mostly single-trunked, with long, arching and spreading branches forming a broadly rounded canopy; outer branches droop, with weeping branchlets; mature trees have smooth gray bark

Height 30-60' Spread equal or more Growth Rate very rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun

Soil tolerates most, including alkaline soils

Hardiness hardy (zones 8,9,14-24); loses leaves in severe cold areas

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, ovate-elliptic, 3/4"-2-1/2" long, nearly equal at base, serrate-crenate; blades are firm, glossy green

Flowers inconspicuous, in axillary racemes; summer months

Fruit a nutlet; small, roundish, surrounded by membranous wing

Propagation: seed

Usage: a very fast-growing tree, large street tree, lawns; can become a beautiful accent tree for its form with careful pruning; shallow roots

Landscape Care:

Watering regular is preferred - tolerates drought

Fertilizing little required; excessive nitrogen weakens branches

Pruning head high when young, thin out every 1-2 years

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: China Family: Ulmaceae