



'Macho' Amur Corktree

Phellodendron Amurense 'Macho'



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| Height: | 35' to 45' | Width: | 30' to 40' |
| Minimum Terrace Width Required: | 72" | Hardiness Zone: | 4 to 7 |
| Crown: | Broadly ovate, moderately spreading, medium texture | | |
| Foliage: | Compound 2½" to 4½" leaflets; glossy, thick, and leathery; yellow in the fall. | | |
| Flowers: | Male, inconspicuous | | |
| Fruit: | Fruitless | | |
| Description: | The species is native to northern China and Japan and typically has low spreading, massive branches. 'Macho' selected in Illinois and introduced in 1985, has more upright, uniform branching. Like the species, its bark is rugged and cork-like. The growth rate is medium. | | |
| Advantages: | Thrives under city conditions, provided there is ample space for the spreading roots. The upright habit makes it suitable for spaces that are too limited for corktrees grown from seed. Being a male tree, it does not produce the fruit which is a litter problem and stains sidewalks. It is usually pest free. | | |
| Limitations: | The root system is shallow and spreading, requiring adequate space for good development. | | |
| Site and Culture: | Recovers gradually after transplanting, so B&B stock planted in the spring is suggested. Tolerates acid or alkaline soils, wet soils, and drought. Evidence on good pollution tolerance is contradictory. Little maintenance is needed after pruning for clearance and to establish desired branch structure. | | |