

Elm Drake

ulmus parvifolia 'drake'



Drake Elm potted

Drake Elm, also known as the Chinese Elm, has been used extensively in the urban environment for many years. Its favor with urban foresters is documented by being among the top urban trees recommended for urban plantings in the South and Midwest. The Drake Elm has gained this status because it is adaptable to a wide range of soil types, tolerant of heat drought and wind, thrives in an extensive range of soil pH and is a proven performer in restricted soil spaces.

The proven durability of Drake Elm is not as equally complimented by its natural growth habitat for the urban environment. The cultivar's rounded canopy, which is often wider than it is tall, is formed by long arching branches that create a masterpiece of graceful charm and beauty extending to the ground.



Drake Elm foliage



Drake Elm bark

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Drake Elm in the landscape

Common Names:

Drake' Chinese Elm,
'Drake' Lacebark Elm

Native Origin :

China

Environment:

Soil: sand, loam, clay,
acidic, alkaline, well-
drained
Salt: low
Exposure: full sun

Description:

Hardy Range: 7A - 10A
Mature Height: 40 - 50'
Mature Spread: 35 - 50'
Growth Rate: 20 - 30
years to maturity
Form: Rounded to
weeping vase shape
Persistence: Deciduous

Ornamental Characteristics:

Foliage consists of small dark green leaves that disappear when the tree defoliates. Bark exfoliates



Full Sun



Deciduous



Canopy