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Quaking Aspen
Populus tremuloides

Height: 50 feet

Spread: 30 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 1

Other Names: Quaking Aspen

Description:

A hardy and graceful native of the North American forest, with showy white bark and leaves that flutter in the faintest breeze; suckers vigorously.

Ornamental Features

Quaking Aspen has rich green deciduous foliage on a tree with an oval habit of growth. The round leaves turn an outstanding gold in the fall. The smooth white bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Quaking Aspen is a deciduous tree with a shapely oval 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 tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, 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

Quaking Aspen is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens



Quaking Aspen
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Quaking Aspen bark
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Planting & Growing

Quaking Aspen will grow to be about 50 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 5 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 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 may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This species is native to parts of North America.



Quaking Aspen in fall
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