

SLIPPERY ELM

Ulmus rubra



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Mature Height	60-70 Feet	Soil Type	Well-drained
Mature Spread	40-50 Feet	Flower Color	Inconspicuous
Mature Form	Spreading, Flat-topped	Foliage Color	Dark Green
Growth Rate	Rapid	Fall Color	Yellow
Sun Exposure	Full Sun to Partial Shade	Zones	3-8
Soil Moisture	Moist		

The Slippery Elm, *Ulmus rubra*, is also commonly known as Red Elm because of its wood color. Like other Elms, this tree is used by many types of wildlife. Its dark green foliage turns a pretty yellow in autumn.

This tree prefers moist, well-drained soil but will grow in less ideal conditions as well. This rapidly growing tree is a smaller alternative to the American Elm. Its shallow roots make transplanting easy, but will cause sidewalk damage. The Slippery Elm has some susceptibility to Dutch Elm Disease and is not commonly available commercially.



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