

Village Green Japanese Zelkova

Zelkova serrata 'Village Green'
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Height: 50' to 60' (40' at age 30)

Width: 50' to 60' (40' at age 30)

Hardiness Zone: 5 to 8

Crown: broad and vase-shaped, medium-fine texture

Foliage: 1 1/2" to 2 1/2" leaves, dark green, turning rusty red in fall

Flowers: inconspicuous

Fruit: inconspicuous

Description: The species is native to Japan, Korea, and China. Typically it has ascending branches that form a vase-shaped crown, a short trunk, and bark that is smooth and gray when young, then flaky with small orange patches upon maturing. 'Village Green' was selected in New Jersey for its rapid growth, good form, attractive leaves, and Japanese beetle resistance, and was patented in 1964.

Advantages: Can be a substitute for American elm, having similar leaves and graceful form, though the branches are more numerous and the size is not as majestic. It is highly resistant to Dutch elm disease, and no serious pest

problems are known. Has good tolerance of suburban and seacoast environments. The crown form is broader than that of 'Green Vase'.

Limitations: Can split at crotch because of narrow angle; susceptible to canker. Susceptible to elm leaf beetle.

Site and Culture: Easy to transplant, and adaptable to pH, compacted soil, pollution, partial shade, and drought once established. Avoid planting in the fall. Young trees are susceptible to frost.

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