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## Northern Gem Hybrid Ash

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*Fraxinus 'Northern Gem'*

Height: 40 feet

Spread: 40 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 2b

#### Description:

A beautiful and hardy shade tree with a broad, rounded shape; very rugged, low maintenance and clean, an excellent choice for cold climate landscapes

#### Ornamental Features

Northern Gem Hybrid Ash has forest green deciduous foliage on a tree with an oval habit of growth. The pointy compound leaves turn an outstanding yellow in the fall.

#### Landscape Attributes

Northern Gem Hybrid Ash is a dense 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 is a relatively low maintenance tree, and should only be pruned in summer after the leaves have fully developed, as it may 'bleed' sap if pruned in late winter or early spring. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Northern Gem Hybrid Ash is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade

#### Planting & Growing

Northern Gem Hybrid Ash will grow to be about 40 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 40 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 6 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 70 years or more.



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This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.