

Kiwi Sunset Zelkova

Zelkova serrata 'Kiwi Sunset'

Family:

Ulmaceae

USDA Hardiness Zone:

Zones 5 to 8

Origin:

Eastern Asia



Mature Size & Shape:

A deciduous tree that typically grows 15' – 30' tall and only 12' – 18'. It has a spreading umbrella-vase shaped crown and an almost weeping form.

Leaves:

Oblong-ovate and serrate leaves with a pointed tip that are pink when they first start to emerge turning a golden to lime green in color. Turns a deep reddish bronze in the autumn.

Bark, Twigs, & Buds:

Thin reddish-brown slender twigs that turn smooth and grey with age. Bark is grey and smooth, then peels to reveal orange mosaic patterns.

Flowers & Fruit:

Both the flowers and fruit are nondescript.

Information, Landscape Uses, & Maintenance:

This small to medium tree has a beautiful vase shape with vibrant colors in spring, summer, and fall. It does require structural pruning when young to avoid weak structural issues as it matures.

This Species within Salt Lake City's Urban Forest:

Zelkovas are used all throughout the city as both street trees and park trees. It has recently become very popular in SLC's urban forest, and it is frequently planted in parkstrips due to its lack for fruit and vibrant fall color. Kiwi Sunset is particularly well suited for narrow parkstrips or locations with overhead powerlines.

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