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Ulmus parvifolia Evergreen Elm

U*lmus parvifolia*, better known as evergreen elm or Chinese evergreen elm, is best characterized by its long, arching branches which provide dense summer shade. This tree makes a beautiful and functional addition to parks, school grounds and other open areas. Their large size and extensive root systems make them less suitable for small residential landscapes.

The evergreen elm is a fast grower, and needs plenty of room to reach its full potential. It can reach a height of 30 feet in as little as five years. Mature growth is approximately 40 to 60 feet high and 50 to 70 feet wide, depending on watering and soil conditions.

A great attraction of this tree comes from the bark which is mottled in texture and gray and tan in color. The peeling of the bark usually occurs after the tree has a chance to mature in the landscape. In late summer you will see some insignificant flowering, with seeds developing in the fall. *Ulmus parvifolia* tends to be deciduous or semi-deciduous, but foliage fills in quickly after a cold snap. The leaves are leathery and broader than many in the desert adaptable plant palette.

Maintenance is a must as the tree is maturing, due to the rapid growth and long branches. Staking and selective pruning of young trees is recommended for proper development and to help prevent wind damage.

Evergreen elms are not plagued by pests or diseases, but are prone to root rot here in the desert. They prefer full sun and deep soil with good drainage. They need deep, infrequent irrigation, but will tolerate additional watering in turf areas. As with all large trees, water should be applied at the canopy edge, or drip line of the plant.



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Several cultivated varieties of *Ulmus parvifolia* are available locally. Growth habit, form, foliage color, leaf size, and cold hardiness will vary according to the specific variety that you acquire. Check with a landscape professional to get the one best suited to your planting location.



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CHARACTERISTICS

Botanical Name Common Name	Size Ht. x W.	Evergreen	Flower Season	Flower Color	Foliage Texture	Foliage Color	Hardiness (degrees F)	Growth Rate	Litter	Thorns	Exposure
<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i> Evergreen Elm	60' x 70'	Semi	Summer	Cream	Med.	Green	10	Fast	Mod.	No	Sun