

Fraxinus ornus

(Flowering Ash)

Flowering ash, produces a spectacular display of fragrant creamy white flowers in May. This deciduous tree can grow up to 10-12 m. After flowering it produces an unattractive cluster of winged fruits. During fall the leaf can turn into deep bordo color. Also called manna ash. The tree commercially grown in Sicily for manna which is a sweet, gummy sap taken from slits made in the bark.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Frêne à manne, Orne d'Europe

Pronunciation: FRAK-si-nus OR-nus

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: Southern Europe and southwestern Asia

Heat Zones: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Hardiness Zones: 6, 7, 8, 9

Uses: Specimen, Shade, Street, Native to Lebanon

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Round, oval

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: 8 to 15 m

Spread at Maturity: 5 to 8 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Odd Pinnately compound

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Oval

Leaf Margins: Serrulate

Leaf Textures: Glossy, Medium

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Yellow, Purple

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 3 - 7

Flower Type: Panicle

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: Green, White

Seasons: Spring

Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: False

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Suspected to breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy, Smooth

Fruit

Fruit Type: Samara

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 3 - 7

Fruit Colors: Green, Brown

Seasons: Spring

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: Yes

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: Yes

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: 25-50 years

Diseases: Powdery Mildew, Antracnose

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Mites, Scales, Borers

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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