Street Keeper Honeylocust

Gleditsia triacanthos 'Draves'



Street Keeper Honeylocust
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 45 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

A sturdy accent or street tree with ascending branches and a narrowly pyramidal growth habit; lush, deep green foliage with excellent yellow fall color; makes a real statement in the landscape

Ornamental Features

Street Keeper Honeylocust has attractive dark green deciduous foliage which emerges light green in spring on a tree with a pyramidal habit of growth. The bipinnately compound leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding yellow in the fall.



Street Keeper Honeylocust foliage
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Landscape Attributes

Street Keeper Honeylocust is an open deciduous tree with a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. 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.

Street Keeper Honeylocust is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Street Keeper Honeylocust will grow to be about 45 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 7 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 fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 70 years or more.

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 not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selection of a native North American species.



Street Keeper Honeylocust in fall
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