

Parrotia persica

Persian Ironwood

Zone: 5-8

Height: 20'

Width: 20'



Crown: Round or vase
Growth Rate: Slow to moderate
Soil: Acidic
Light: Part sun to full shade
Drainage: Well drained
Drought: Tolerant



There are few trees in the trade that offer four season interest with as much pizzazz as *Parrotia persica*. The year starts in early spring with crimson 1/2" flowers on bare branches. Soon the new leaves appear with bronze highlights, and then gradually darken to a glossy dark green. In fall the leaves explode into florid, inflamed reds, yellows, crimsons, and scarlets, which stay on the branches for a considerable time. But this tree is not over yet. As it ages, the bark takes on shades of grey/green/white/ brown. *Parrotia* can be grown either as a multi-stem tree or in tree form. It tends to want to branch low, so some pruning may be required. Robinson Nursery offers as multi-stem trees.

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