

Stewartia koreana

Korean Stewartia

Zone: 5

Height: 20'-30'

Width: 10'-15'

Crown: Upright pyramidal
Growth: Slow
Soil: Highly organic, moist
pH: Acid
Drought: Ok once established
Drainage: Well drained
Breakage: Resistant
Pests: Few if any
Disease: Little or none



This is one of those trees everyone loves. Green glossy leave with reddish stems and

petioles, fuzzy green flower buds, and then the 3" white flowers for weeks and weeks during the summer. Fall color is red, yellow, orange and purple. Trunks flake in irregular patterns of gray, brown, tan and orange, similar to Lagerstroemia. This tree is particular about it's soil. It wants a acid, loose, highly organic, moist soils which are well drained. Just plopping it out in a clay loam will not work. It will not grow, but it does very well in containers. Also a little afternoon shade would not hurt. We have

seen this one sunscald, so wrapping the trunk would be helpful. It is care-free once established. Since the bark is so attractive, multi-trunks are an option. Robinson Nursery offers Stewartia koreana as #3 Grow Ready™ liners.

