



**City Sprite Zelkova**  
*Zelkova serrata 'JFS-KW1'*

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 18 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Japanese Zelkova



*City Sprite Zelkova*  
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

**Description:**

A close relative of the elm; a compact, dense, semi-dwarf shade tree with a shapely, rounded habit, interesting peeling bark and good fall color; quite hardy, low maintenance and trouble-free, an excellent choice for smaller urban spaces

**Ornamental Features**

City Sprite Zelkova has forest green deciduous foliage on a tree with a round habit of growth. The serrated pointy leaves turn an outstanding yellow in the fall.

**Landscape Attributes**

City Sprite Zelkova is a deciduous tree with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

City Sprite Zelkova is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade

**Planting & Growing**

City Sprite Zelkova will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 5 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. 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. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.