

Eucryphia moorei – Easter Leatherwood

This is a small handsome tree or tall shrub growing to between 4.5 – 6m in cultivation with a slender, upright growth habit which makes it ideally suitable for small domestic gardens in the sheltered environment of a courtyard or a small secluded corner. A particularly attractive tree when laden with white blossoms from January to March – July to September in the northern hemisphere.

Propagation

WHEN TO SOW – In warm areas or a glasshouse at any time. In frost prone areas after the danger of frost has passed.

WHERE TO GROW – Part shade although the optimum growing conditions are where the roots are shaded and the crown of the tree is in full sun. Any well drained soil although better where the lime percentage is not high.

SOWING – Fill a pot or seed tray with moist sandy soil, wet thoroughly and compress. Sow the seeds thinly on the surface and cover with soil to the thickness of the seeds. Keep moist and cover with clear polythene – remove this when germination starts in 4 to 6 weeks. Place in warm, shady position and protect from snails and slugs.

CULTIVATION – Pot on to individual containers when large enough to handle and keep well watered. Where possible it is best to grow this one on in its pot through the first winter and then plant out in its permanent position in spring or early summer.

