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## Chickadee Paper Birch Betula papyrifera 'Chickadee'

Height: 40 feet Spread: 26 feet Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: White Birch, Canoe Birch

## **Description:**

A selection of paper birch with snow-white peeling bark and gold fall color; its narrowly pyramidal habit is great for smaller spaces; less susceptible to birch borer attack; a great accent tree, and one of the best for winter interest

#### **Ornamental Features**

Chickadee Paper Birch has dark green deciduous foliage on a tree with a pyramidal habit of growth. The pointy leaves turn an outstanding gold in the fall. The peeling white bark is extremely showy and adds significant winter interest.

### **Landscape Attributes**

Chickadee Paper Birch is a deciduous tree with a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and should only be pruned in summer after the leaves have fully developed, as it may 'bleed' sap if pruned in late winter or early spring. 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.

Chickadee Paper Birch is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade



Chickadee Paper Birch in fall Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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## **Planting & Growing**

Chickadee Paper Birch will grow to be about 40 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 26 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a medium 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 prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species.