

# URBAN TREES

## SHOWY MOUNTAIN ASH

*Sorbus decorus*



<b>MATURE HEIGHT</b>	20-25 feet (6 to 7.5 metres)
<b>MATURE SPREAD</b>	15 feet (4.5 metres)
<b>LIFESPAN</b>	<b>40 years</b> (under optimal conditions)
<b>GROWTH RATE</b>	Moderate
<b>SUN</b>	<b>Full Sun</b>
<b>HARDINESS ZONE</b>	<b>2b</b>
<b>WATER REQUIREMENTS</b>	Medium
<b>SOIL TYPE</b>	Prefers moist, well-drained soil Not particular to soil type or pH
<b>FIRE SMART</b>	Yes
<b>POLLUTION TOLERANT</b>	Yes
<b>USAGE</b>	Ornamental, boulevard

### PROS

- The hardiest of the mountain ashes, this tree has a long blooming time. The flowers and dark green foliage are very showy along with its scarlet red berries and smooth grey bark. A good choice for attracting birds.

### CONS

- Should only be grown in full sunlight. Intolerant of drought and shade and its small fruit can be messy.

### RESOURCES

Right Tree, Right Place – Hydro Manitoba - [https://www.hydro.mb.ca/safety/pdfs/right\\_tree\\_right\\_place.pdf](https://www.hydro.mb.ca/safety/pdfs/right_tree_right_place.pdf)

Okanagan Xeriscape Plant Database – <https://okanaganxeriscape.org>

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