



**Theves Poplar**  
*Populus nigra 'Afghanica'*

Height: 60 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 2b

**Description:**

A tall and very narrow spire-like tree, used primarily as a sharp vertical accent or in a row as a very tall screen; fast growing, notably more disease resistant than the Lombardy poplar and a better selection; bold and formal in a landscape setting

**Ornamental Features**

Theves Poplar is primarily valued in the landscape for its rigidly columnar form. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn yellow in fall.

**Landscape Attributes**

Theves Poplar is a deciduous tree with a strong central leader and a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. 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 usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Theves Poplar is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening

**Planting & Growing**

Theves Poplar will grow to be about 60 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 70 years or more.



*Theves Poplar*  
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This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is an amazingly adaptable plant, tolerating both dry conditions and even some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.