Nobility® White Ash
Fraxinus americana ‘Jefwis’

Botanical Name: Fraxinus americana ‘Jefwis’
Family: Oleaceae
Common Name: Nobility® White Ash

Origin: Nobility® White Ash was selected by Dr. Philip Ronald as the superior seedling from a population of 143 individuals growing at a test site near Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. This population of seedlings was grown out of seed collected from a single maternal tree in northern Wisconsin.

Hardiness: Zone 3 (Canadian and USDA); merits testing in zone 2

Growth Rate: A vigorous growth rate that compares to Green Ash cultivars. Nobility® hardens off earlier in the fall than any existing White Ash cultivar.

Description: Nobility® was selected for its vigor, cold hardiness and early, purple fall colour. This cultivar maintains a central leader and an even distribution of branches in the oval-shaped canopy. New twig growth turns purple in late summer. Nobility® is a seedless cultivar with only male flowers.

Culture: Grows well in full sunlight to partial shade in a variety of textured soils on a wide range of dry and moist sites. Same requirements as Green Ash cultivars.

Pest and Disease: High resistance to cottony psyllid and ash flower gall mite.

Landscape Value: Nobility® is proving to be an excellent shade tree in both residential and commercial plantings. Purple fall colour develops around September 25th and persists for 7-10 days depending on weather conditions.

Propagation: Budding on Green Ash.

Sales Potential: Nobility® White Ash has superior fall colour and cold hardiness that make it a top choice for shade and street tree plantings of ash. Despite the movements of Emerald Ash Borer it is recommended that ash still be planted as part of a mix of shade tree species in the prairie region.

Production: Propagation by licensed growers only. COPF Royalty of $0.50 per plant. Protected by a registered trademark in Canada.

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Nobility® White Ash combines an upright oval growth habit with excellent vigor and cold hardiness. This seedless shade tree cultivar also features reliable purple fall colour that appears during the last week of September. Excellent uniformity in budded rows.

Consistent purple fall colour by September 25th.

Seedless; only male flowers are produced.

Thick stems turn purple-red in late summer.

Compound foliage with 7 leaflets.

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