

A few important notes to successfully grow your tree:

- Do not overwater your plant! Check to make sure *1 inch* of the surface is moist. That is enough for your plant to grow healthy and strong.
- Spray water rather than pouring directly on the plant.
- If your plant is in a cold environment during the germination stage, place your pot next to an electrical device that generates heat.
- Mold is natural – If you find mold growing on your plant, gently remove the mold and do not water your plant for 1-2 days. Relocate the plants in a well-ventilated area and allow the soil to dry out a bit.

Having trouble? Seeds not germinating? No worries! You can use the same pots and soil and have another go with the seeds you kept aside. Simply repeat the process to see if your seeds can successfully sprout. If that didn't do the trick please contact us at Grow@natureit.co and we will be happy to provide you with alternative seeds and make sure you will get the best experience!

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Kit Contains

- Instruction Manual – This manual is your guide. You can also find it online at www.natureit.co
- A Biodegradable Pot – Used for replanting in the ground.
- A Stylish designed pot to replant your tree and decorate your home.
- A Peat Soil Disc – Expandable and contains fertilizers for best germination.
- A Plant Tag – To mark the seed name and sowing date.
- Siberian Elm Seed Packet.

Meet Your New Bonsai Tree

Siberian Elm – *Ulmus Pumila*:

Native to Central Asia and eastern Siberia, the Siberian Elm is widespread across North America. It has wide branches with small, round, gentle green leaves that turns into magnificent colors during autumn.



Questions or concerns? Email us at Grow@natureit.co and we will gladly answer your questions! Our goal is to create the best growing experience possible for our fellow growers.

Preparing The Seeds

You will only need to sow about 7 seeds in the pot. You can keep the rest in the packet and stored in a cool, dark place for future use (be aware of the expiration date!).

Before planting the seeds you will need to gently scratch / scrape their outer surface and soak them in room temperature water (20°C/68°F) for 12-14 hours.

- Do not scrape more than a thin layer of the seed coating.
- Do not use hot water.
- Do not soak more than 16 hours.

Preparing The Soil

Place the peat soil disc in the middle of a large bowl and pour ½ a glass of room temperature water around it. Then slowly add small portions of water on the disc and let the soil expand on its own. Repeat this process until it reaches about 6-7 times its original size. It can take 20-30 minutes for the full process. Once the disc is expanded, crumble the soil, squeeze it firmly to drain any excess water. Continue to drain the water until the soil is slightly wet, yet fluffy and does not have water dripping out.

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Filling The Biodegradable Pot

Slowly sprinkle a handful of soil in the pot. Repeat this action without pressing or tightening the soil down, until it reaches ½ inch from the top of the pot. You need to keep the soil airy so the water will properly drain to prevent the growth of mold.

Save any leftover soil to use in the next step. After sowing your seeds, place your biodegradable pot in the decorated plastic pot.

Sowing the seeds

Using your finger, create multiple small ¼ inch holes in the soil and place a single seed in each hole. A pot should contain about 7 seeds. Gently cover the seeds with about ½ inch of the remaining soil. Do not press or tighten the soil on top of the seeds. Spray some water on top of the soil to moisten it.

Place your pot where the water can drain from the bottom and frequently remove any water from beneath the pots.

Use the Plant tag to mark the sowing date

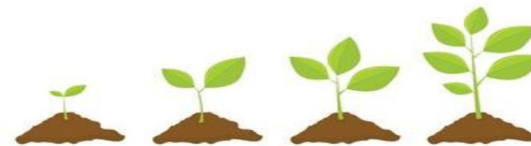
We recommend keeping your plant indoor for the first stage of germination. See the next step for tips on how to best germinate your bonsai

How To Get The Best Germination Rate

- Remember to spray the plant with water on a daily basis!
- Do not expose to direct sunlight
- Keep in a well ventilated place to allow airflow and prevent mold.
- Make sure the soil is moist but NOT saturated with water.
- Keep the soil temperature at about 70-80 Fahrenheit.

Sprouting

After a few days the first seedlings should begin to appear. At this stage it's recommended to start exposing the plants to indirect sunlight. After they reach about 1 inch in size- start exposing it to direct sunlight for 30-45 minutes a day. Keep watering checking the soil daily. Make sure not to expose the plants to too much heat or cold.



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Growing

After about 20 days, when your little seedlings are growing nicely and are about 2 inch in height, you should start exposing them to sunlight as much as possible, still keeping them from extreme heat or cold. Keep watering them, keeping the soil moist but not wet, checking for water to drain at the bottom, and keep the plants well ventilated to prevent mold as much as possible. You can also start using fertilizers to strengthen your growing plant.

Thinning

This step is important to allow your tree to develop further and grow strong. Once you see a few seedlings start to compete for space, cut the weaker seedlings with scissors. DO NOT pull them out from the root. You will eventually need one strong plant to grow in the pot.

Before re-planting your tree in the plastic pot you'll need to open the draining hole at the bottom.

Place the plastic pot upside-down on a flat surface and use a pair of closed scissors to press down the marked round dot in the center of the pot. It should easily break loose with a small push on the top of the scissors.

Tip: Fertilizing your plants can help them grow faster and stronger. If you want to learn on how to fertilize your plants contact us at Grow@natureit.co

Replanting

In order to allow your tree to grow healthy and strong, after a period of about 2 months, when it is about 3 inches tall, we recommend re-planting it in the decorated pot you received with this kit.

Start by filing the new pots with the fresh soil, making sure the soil isn't drenched with water and is still fluffy. If transplanting in the ground – make sure you wet it before planting.

When you get your soil ready, dig a hole and have it big enough and waiting ready for your sprout. Now it's time to get your seedling out of its old home and into the new.

This will need to be done very gently to not damage the plant and its roots.

Carefully squeeze and pat the sides of the pot, helping the soil to loosen from the edges of the old pot.

Put your hand on top of the soil, placing the plant seedling gently between your fingers, supporting it, and slowly turn the pot upside down, allowing the soil to slide out of the old pot. Do not try to pull or yank the seedling!

If this is not going as smooth as it should, you can take scissors and cut the sides of the pot. When your plant is out simply place it in the hole you created and fill around the roots with soil, gently pressing it down. Water the soil after transplanting. Adding plant food will help the plant recover from the process.

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