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**Botanical Name:** *Fraxinus* x 'Northern Gem'

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**Family:** *Oleaceae*

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**Common Name:** Northern Gem Ash

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**Origin:** A breakthrough in ash breeding, a controlled cross that combines the native Black Ash (*Fraxinus nigra*) with the Manchurian Ash (*Fraxinus mandshurica*). Cross made by Dr. Wilbert Ronald of the Morden Research Station, Agriculture Canada in 1969. Northern Treasure was introduced by Agriculture Canada in 1997.

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**Hardiness:** Zone 3 (Canadian and USDA)

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**Growth Rate:** A medium to fast growing tree, growing at a similar rate as Patmore Green Ash.

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**Description:** This hybrid ash has attractive compound leaves that extend on average 33 cm (13 inches) in length and 29 cm (11 inches) in width. The fall colour is a solid yellow-orange colour. Northern Treasure is a vigorous grower that has an upright growth habit and tends to retain a strong central leader. The mature height is 11-13 m (35-40 feet) with a spread of 6-10 m (20-30 feet).

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**Culture:** Performs best in moderate to full sunshine. It is suited to a range of soil types and growing conditions. Same requirements as Green Ash cultivars.

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**Pest and Disease:** No specific problems. High resistance to ash plant bug and ash flower gall mite.

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**Landscape Value:** Excellent shade tree in residential, downtown and commercial plantings. The outstanding foliage, upright growth habit and symmetrical branch habit makes this a premier choice for shade tree planting.

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**Propagation:** Budding on Green Ash.

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**Sales Potential:** Northern Treasure Ash has outstanding plant features such as attractive foliage, excellent fall colour, controlled growth habit and resistance to disease and insects. Excellent for home gardens and commercial plantings.

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**Production:** U.S.P.P. applied for and a royalty of 50 cents per plant is payable to COPF.

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