



## How to Grow Stewartia

**Position** – Full sun or part shade  
**Soil** – Well-drained  
**Flowering Period** – Summer  
**Hardiness** – Fully hardy

### About Stewartia

Stewartia are deciduous trees or shrubs with goblet-shaped blooms and fascinating multi-tonal flaking bark and large ovate, bright green leaves that flourish and thrive during summer. The foliage will also produce a sensational autumnal display. Stewartia are best suited to an architectural garden and are recommended for those with a larger outdoor space. They are slow growers, typically taking around 40 years to reach optimum maturity. You should expect to see these plants grow to an approximate height and spread of 8m (26.5').

### How to plant Stewartia

Stewartia are best planted in well-drained soil of loam, sand and clay within an acidic and neutral PH balance. They prefer a position of full sun or part shade so long as it is sheltered from intense midday heat. During spring, dig a hole that is twice as wide and an inch shallower than the depth of the root ball. Leave plenty of space if you are planting more than one Stewartia to accommodate their mature height and spread. Water deeply and thoroughly to settle the soil back into place.

### How to care for Stewartia

Make sure that the soil surrounding your Stewartia is kept moist but not waterlogged. Watering should be increased during periods of drought. You should only need to prune dead, damaged or old limbs. Fertilise once every few years during spring to enhance the appearance and growth of your shrub/tree.

### How to Propagate Stewartia

It is possible to propagate Stewartia by softwood cuttings during early summer. Alternatively, you can propagate with hardwood cuttings in summer or by seed in autumn.