



Ken Muir Growing Guide For Morus 'Mojo Berry®' (Dwarf Mulberry)

Unlike traditional mulberry varieties, the 'Mojo Berry®' fruits at a young age and is suitable for even the smallest of gardens, reaching an eventual height and spread of around just 1.8-3m (6-10ft) by 1.8m (6ft). It requires a sunny sheltered position and grows best in a fertile, free draining soil, but can also be grown in pots and containers on the patio.

Planting

Whether you are planting the tree directly into the ground or in containers, we recommend the use of rootgrow® to help encourage strong root growth and aid establishment. This should be sprinkled evenly onto the base of the planting hole, following the recommended application rate and ensuring that the roots are in contact with the powder.

To plant directly in the ground, dig a hole that is slightly wider and deeper than the roots. Apply rootgrow® (if using) and plant the tree so that the old soil mark which should be visible on the tree's trunk, is at the same level as the ground around it. Refill the hole with soil and gently firm it down. Carefully insert a stake, taking care to avoid the roots and apply ties to ensure that the tree is fully supported whilst it is establishing.

To grow this mulberry in a container, we suggest planting it in a 36cm (14") pot to start with, using a John Innes No.3 compost. The tree should be staked to prevent wind rock, a strong, thick bamboo cane should suffice for this.

General Care, Feeding & Pruning

As with any plant, trees should be watered regularly, particularly during dry periods. This is especially important with trees grown in pots.

Morus 'Mojo Berry®' is reasonably slow growing and requires very little in the way of pruning. Pruning simply involves removing any diseased, damaged or crossing shoots, plus anything that spoils the shape of the tree. This should only be carried out whilst the tree is dormant (November to March), to prevent the stems from 'bleeding'.

The roots of pot grown trees should be checked in early spring each year and if they are showing any signs of congestion, the tree should be re-potted into a larger container. Trees that do not require re-potting, should have the top 5cm (2in) of compost removed and replaced with fresh soil.

Feed trees annually each February with a compound fertiliser such as our Ken Muir 'Fruit Tree, Cane, Vine & Bush Feed'.