

## **‘Pakistan’ Red Mulberry** **(*Morus rubra* ‘Pakistan’)**

The mulberry makes an attractive tree which will bear fruit while still small and young. In the South on rich soils the red mulberry can reach 70 ft. in height.

Mulberries need full sun and adequate space. The distance between trees should be at least 15 ft. The trees should not be planted near a sidewalk, driveway or patio. The fallen fruit will not only stain the walkway, but are likely to be tracked indoors.

Mulberries generally thrive with minimal fertilization. The trees are quite wind-resistant with some cultivars used as windbreaks. They are also somewhat drought-resistant, but need to be watered in dry seasons. If the roots become too dry during drought, the fruit is likely to drop before it has fully ripened.

The ‘Pakistan’ cultivar originated in Pakistan and has extremely large, sweet ruby-red fruit 2-1/2 to 3-1/2 inches long with firmer flesh than most other named cultivars. The tree has large heart-shaped leaves that become lobed over time. This cultivar is recommended for the deep South and mild winter areas, but usually performs satisfactorily in cooler areas.

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