

## Fact Sheet

# 'Crowsnest'

(*Populus deltoides* x *P. nigra*) x *P. nigra*

NZ 5010



'Crowsnest' is a New Zealand-bred PVR-licensed variety that originates from a backcross between a *P. x euramericana* hybrid and *P. nigra*. It was first released commercially in 1994.

## Characteristics

'Crowsnest' leaves are smaller and rounder than leaves of the *P. x euramericana* hybrids, with a leaf base that tapers towards the leaf tip. Like 'Veronese', the new leaves of 'Crowsnest' flush a dark reddish-bronze in mid-late September in Manawatu, maturing to dark green on the upper surface and light green below, with a red midrib.

The numerous side branches of 'Crowsnest' have a very steep branch angle that results in a narrow crown approaching that of Lombardy poplar. Unlike the Lombardy poplar, 'Crowsnest' is female.

## Uses

'Crowsnest' is primarily used for horticultural shelterbelts and windbreaks on small rural holdings. The branches are light and require little or no side trimming. 'Crowsnest' is used as a soil conservation tree in east coast regions, as it is reasonably drought tolerant.

'Crowsnest' has low-moderate rust and anthracnose resistance and is palatable to possums.



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