



Maple, Rugged Charm

Acer tataricum 'JFS-KW2'

Height: 28 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Description:

This is a fine compact and oval accent tree for the home landscape, that develops a shapely, refined canopy; showy red seeds in summer, and a rich mix of yellow, orange, and red fall color; hardy, and tolerant of drought and alkaline conditions

Ornamental Features

Maple, Rugged Charm is primarily grown for its highly ornamental fruit. It features abundant showy scarlet samaras in late summer. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The lobed leaves turn outstanding shades of yellow, orange and red in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Maple, Rugged Charm is a deciduous tree with a shapely oval form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Maple, Rugged Charm is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening

Planting & Growing

Maple, Rugged Charm will grow to be about 28 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 70 years or more.



Maple, Rugged Charm
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This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.