Ginkgo, Mariken Dwarf

Ginkgo biloba 'Mariken'



Ginkgo, Mariken Dwarf
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Height: 6 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Maidenhair Tree

Description:

This is a dwarf ginkgo tree with distinctive fan-shaped leaves; spreading branching habit; rich butter yellow in fall; a shrubby form of the species great for bonsai and containers

Ornamental Features

Ginkgo, Mariken Dwarf is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its ornamental globe-shaped form. It has bluish-green deciduous foliage which emerges chartreuse in spring. The fan-shaped leaves turn an outstanding buttery yellow in the fall.



Ginkgo, Mariken Dwarf foliage
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Landscape Attributes

Ginkgo, Mariken Dwarf is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded 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 shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Ginkgo, Mariken Dwarf is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Ginkgo, Mariken Dwarf will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 80 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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, and is able to handle environmental salt. 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.

Ginkgo, Mariken Dwarf makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

Clean up Rating (1-5) 1=least effort 5=most effort

Clean up Rating (1): Seedless (Male Selection), clean up by blowing or raking leaves onto the lawn and mow or bag.Ginkgo is a plant known for being extremely resistant to pests, deer, and diseases.