Maple, (Norway) Crimson Sentry

Acer platanoides 'Crimson Sentry'

Height: 35 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

A tall, narrow to tightly oval shade tree with rich purple foliage throughout the season; because of its prominence in terms of both color and form, it's best used as a feature accent for smaller landscapes, also makes a stunning tall screen

Ornamental Features

Maple, (Norway) Crimson Sentry is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It is clothed in stunning corymbs of lemon yellow flowers along the branches in early spring before the leaves. It has attractive burgundy deciduous foliage. The lobed leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding deep purple in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Maple, (Norway) Crimson Sentry is a dense deciduous tree with a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

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, (Norway) Crimson Sentry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent



Maple, (Norway) Crimson Sentry
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Maple, (Norway) Crimson Sentry foliage
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Planting & Growing

Maple, (Norway) Crimson Sentry will grow to be about 35 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 6 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 100 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations!

This tree 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. 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.

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

Clean Up Rating (3): Crimson Sentry Maples have a few seeds called the samaras, commonly known as helicopters for their winged shape. The size of seeds are about 1 1/2 to 2 inches long. Clean up is blowing to raking onto the lawn and mow or bag