Maple, (Norway) Royal Red

Acer platanoides 'Royal Red'



Maple, (Norway) Royal Red
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 40 feet

Spread: 30 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Description:

The hardiest purple-leaf maple, this improvement on the popular Crimson King has rich royal purple color throughout the spring with a green tint in summer back to red in the fall; makes a fine accent or shade tree for larger yards

Ornamental Features

Maple, (Norway) Royal Red has attractive purple deciduous foliage on a tree with a round habit of growth. The lobed leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding deep purple in the fall. It is covered in stunning corymbs of lemon yellow flowers along the branches in early spring before the leaves.

Landscape Attributes

Maple, (Norway) Royal Red is a dense deciduous tree with a more or less rounded 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) Royal Red is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Maple, (Norway) Royal Red will grow to be about 40 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 7 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!

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This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. 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): Royal Red 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