# Maple, (Amur) Ruby Slippers

***Acer ginnala 'Ruby Slippers'***

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3a

**Description:**

A spectacular choice for its reliable blazing red-orange fall color and bright red fruits that appear in early summer and persist until fall; this is a shapely small tree that is very hardy and adaptable; great as a fall accent in smaller home landscapes

**Ornamental Features**

Maple, (Amur) Ruby Slippers is primarily grown for its highly ornamental fruit. It features abundant showy scarlet samaras in early summer. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The lobed leaves turn outstanding shades of orange and red in the fall.

**Landscape Attributes**

Maple, (Amur) Ruby Slippers is a deciduous tree with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined 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, (Amur) Ruby Slippers is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening



*Maple, (Amur) Ruby Slippers fruit*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*



*Maple, (Amur) Ruby Slippers in fall*
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**Planting & Growing**

Maple, (Amur) Ruby Slippers will grow to be about 20 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 is suitable for planting under 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 for 60 years or more.

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 (4): Hedge maples generally produce seeds called samaras, which are commonly referred to as helicopters 1 1/4 inches long, growing in pairs. Clean up is blowing or raking samaras and leaves onto the lawn and mow or bag



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