Japanese Maple, North Wind

Acer 'IslNW'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Group/Class: Jack Frost Series



Japanese Maple, North Wind in spring
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Description:

A great accent ornamental tree with leaves that emerge a bright red, then turn green during summer, finishing off with a display of brilliant scarlet-orange fall color; Needs afternoon shade and wind protection.

Ornamental Features

Japanese Maple, North Wind is primarily valued in the landscape for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. It has attractive green deciduous foliage which emerges red in spring. The lobed palmate leaves are highly ornamental and turn outstanding shades of scarlet and orange in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Japanese Maple, North Wind is a deciduous tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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.

Japanese Maple, North Wind is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening

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Planting & Growing

Japanese Maple, North Wind will grow to be about 20 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 is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more.

This tree should be grown in a location with partial shade and which is shaded from the hot afternoon sun. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

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

Clean Up Rating (1): Japanese maples generally produce few to no seeds called samaras, which are commonly referred to as helicopters 1/2 to 3/4 of an inch long, and approximately 1/4 inch wide. Growing in pairs. Clean up is blowing or raking samaras and leaves onto the lawn and mow or bag.



Japanese Maple, North Wind foliage
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