



Maple, (Sugar) John Pair

Acer saccharum 'John Pair'

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 30 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Caddo Maple, Hard Maple, Rock Maple

Description:

A majestic shade tree noted for its reliable burnt orange to red early fall color; very resistant to heat, drought, and leaf tatter; adaptable to soils, vigorous, with a very formal, rounded shape

Ornamental Features

Maple, (Sugar) John Pair has dark green deciduous foliage on a tree with an oval habit of growth. The glossy lobed leaves turn outstanding shades of orange and in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Maple, (Sugar) John Pair is a dense deciduous tree with a shapely oval 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 tree, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Maple, (Sugar) John Pair is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade



Maple, (Sugar) John Pair in fall
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Planting & Growing

Maple, (Sugar) John Pair will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 feet. It has a high canopy of foliage that sits well above 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 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 pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species.

Special Attributes

Sugar Maples generally have few to some seeds in the Pacific Northwest Desert with proper watering through the growing season. If it seeds the samaras, commonly known as helicopters for their winged shape. The size of seeds are up to 2 inches long.



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