Maple, Shantung

Acer truncatum



Maple, Shantung
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Other Names: Purpleblow Maple

Description:

A versatile compact tree, ideal for small home landscapes; consistent exciting fall colors and a neat appearance, a fine choice deserving of greater use



Maple, Shantung foliage
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Ornamental Features

Maple, Shantung is smothered in stunning corymbs of yellow flowers hanging below the branches in mid spring before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage which emerges burgundy in spring. The lobed leaves turn outstanding shades of yellow, orange and red in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Maple, Shantung is a dense deciduous tree with a more or less rounded 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, Shantung is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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Planting & Growing

Maple, Shantung will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 25 feet. It has a high canopy of foliage that sits well above 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 70 years or more.

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 clay soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America.

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

Clean Up Rating (3):The Truncatum Maple has a double samara with two winged seeds, the seeds are disc-shaped, slightly flattened, 1/2 to 3/4 inch across. The wings are 3/4 inch long, with a wide spread angle. Clean up by blowing or raking onto the lawn and mow or bag.