Ginkgo, Goldspire

Ginkgo biloba 'Goldspire'

Height: 45 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Gold Spire Ginkgo, Maidenhair Tree

Description:

A dense and narrowly pyramidal form of this ancient tree, with up-swept branches; features distinctive, rich green, fan-shaped leaves that turn a striking golden-yellow in fall; good size for home landscape use; does not produce fruit



Ginkgo, Goldspire
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Ornamental Features

Ginkgo, Goldspire is primarily valued in the landscape for its rigidly columnar form. It has forest green deciduous foliage. The fan-shaped leaves turn outstanding shades of yellow and gold in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Ginkgo, Goldspire is a deciduous tree with a strong central leader and a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. 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. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Ginkgo, Goldspire is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent



Ginkgo, Goldspire foliage
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Planting & Growing

Ginkgo, Goldspire will grow to be about 45 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 5 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 to a ripe old age of 120 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations!

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, and is able to handle environmental salt. 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

Ginkgo, Male: Clean up Rating (1): Seedless (Male Selection), clean up by blowing or raking leaves onto the lawn and mow or bag.Ginkgo is a plant known for being extremely resistant to pests, deer, and diseases.



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