Maple, (Red) Bowhall

Acer rubrum 'Bowhall'

Height: 40 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Swamp Maple, Scarlet Maple

Description:

A very shapely, columnar tree with bright fall colors in shades of orange and red, small red flowers line the branches in spring, good for small landscapes;



Maple, (Red) Bowhall in fall
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Maple, (Red) Bowhall is primarily valued in the landscape for its rigidly columnar form. It features showy clusters of red flowers along the branches in early spring before the leaves. It has green deciduous foliage which emerges red in spring. The lobed leaves turn an outstanding orange in the fall. The furrowed silver bark and brick red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.



Maple, (Red) Bowhall in fall
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Landscape Attributes

Maple, (Red) Bowhall is a deciduous tree with 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Maple, (Red) Bowhall is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening

JOB'S NURSERY, LLC
GROWING SINCE 1940

Planting & Growing

Maple, (Red) Bowhall will grow to be about 40 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 6 feet from 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 for 80 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is quite adaptable, prefering to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some 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 type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species.

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

Clean Up Rating (2): Rubrum (Red) Maples generally have few to no 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 1 to 1 1/2 inches long. Clean up is blowing or raking samaras and leaves onto the lawn and mow or bag.



Maple, (Red) Bowhall
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder