Celebration Maple

Acer x freemanii 'Celebration'

Height: 45 feet

Spread: 40 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

A silver maple/red maple hybrid with an upright growth habit, showy red flowers along the bare branches in early spring, a good shade tree for smaller properties, more tolerant of adverse conditions than red maple

Ornamental Features

Celebration Maple 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. The lobed leaves turn outstanding shades of yellow, orange and crimson in the fall. The furrowed gray bark and brick red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Celebration Maple 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 should only be pruned in summer after the leaves have fully developed, as it may 'bleed' sap if pruned in late winter or early spring. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Celebration Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent



Celebration Maple in fall
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Planting & Growing

Celebration Maple will grow to be about 45 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 40 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 5 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a fast 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. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

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

Clean Up Rating (2): Freemanii Maples generally have few to no seeds. If it seeds the samaras, commonly known as helicopters for their winged shape. The size of seeds are 1 to 2 inches long. Clean up is blowing to raking onto the lawn and mow or bag.



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