Ginkgo, Autumn Gold

Ginkgo biloba 'Autumn Gold'



Ginkgo, Autumn Gold
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 45 feet

Spread: 35 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Maidenhair Tree

Description:

A true 150 million year old relic with unique fan-shaped leaves; stunning pyramidal form and consistent golden fall color, does not produce fruit; a great choice for home landscape use known for being extremely resistant to pests, deer, and diseases.

Ornamental Features

Ginkgo, Autumn Gold has emerald green deciduous foliage on a tree with a pyramidal habit of growth. The fan-shaped leaves turn an outstanding gold in the fall.



Ginkgo, Autumn Gold foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Landscape Attributes

Ginkgo, Autumn Gold is an open deciduous tree with a distinctive and refined pyramidal 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 is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Ginkgo, Autumn Gold is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

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Planting & Growing

Ginkgo, Autumn Gold will grow to be about 45 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 35 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 medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 150 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

Clean up Rating (1): Seedless (Male Selection), clean up by blowing or raking leaves onto the lawn and mow or bag.



Ginkgo, Autumn Gold in fall
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