Honeylocust, Sunburst

Gleditsia triacanthos 'Suncole'



Honeylocust, Sunburst
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Honeylocust, Sunburst foliage
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Height: 40 feet

Spread: 35 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

A very popular shade tree, valued for its delicate, ferny appearance which casts a dappled shade below; foliage emerges a brilliant yellow, fading to light green; broad spreading habit of growth, seedless, very tolerant of adverse growing conditions

Ornamental Features

Honeylocust, Sunburst has attractive lime green deciduous foliage which emerges gold in spring on a tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. The pinnately compound leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding yellow in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Honeylocust, Sunburst is an open deciduous tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

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.

Honeylocust, Sunburst is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

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Planting & Growing

Honeylocust, Sunburst will grow to be about 40 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 35 feet. It has a high canopy of foliage that sits well above 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 fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 70 years or more.



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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 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 selection of a native North American species.

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

Clean Up Rating (3): Sunburst Honeylocust is thorn-less and seedless. Clean up is blow or rake leaves onto the lawn and mow or bag, if they haven't blown away in the wind.