Trident Maple

Acer buergerianum



Trident Maple
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Height: 35 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

Attractive summer foliage is followed by consistently rich red fall color that appears later in the season; shapely upright, oval form; an excellent street or patio tree

Ornamental Features

Trident Maple has dark green deciduous foliage which emerges light green in spring on a tree with an oval habit of growth. The glossy lobed leaves turn an outstanding red in the fall. The furrowed gray bark and brick red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Trident Maple is a deciduous tree with a shapely oval 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 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.

Trident Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Trident Maple will grow to be about 35 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 4 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 may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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 species is not originally from North America.