Yubae Japanese Maple

Acer palmatum 'Yubae'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Evening Glow Japanese Maple

Description:

A sturdy, slow growing variety with dark purple leaves that are occasionally variegated with crimson; an exceptional cultivar for color and vigor; a colorful garden or landscape accent

Ornamental Features

Yubae Japanese Maple is primarily valued in the landscape for its ornamental globe-shaped form. It has attractive crimson-variegated deep purple foliage. The serrated lobed palmate leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding crimson in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Yubae Japanese Maple is a deciduous tree with a more or less rounded 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.

Yubae Japanese Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Mass Planting



Yubae Japanese Maple foliage
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Planting & Growing

Yubae Japanese Maple will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more.

This tree does best in a location that gets morning sunlight but is shaded from the hot afternoon sun, although it will also grow in partial shade. Keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.