Marmo Maple

Acer x freemanii 'Marmo'



Marmo Maple
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 60 feet

Spread: 30 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A popular hybrid of the silver and red maples with good branching and a consistent upright oval shape; fall coloration is rather distinctive, with red patches appearing among green leaves, eventually with a mix of yellow, red and orange; very fast grower

Ornamental Features

Marmo Maple is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It features showy clusters of red flowers along the branches in early spring before the leaves. It has forest green deciduous foliage. The lobed leaves turn outstanding shades of yellow, orange and red in the fall. The furrowed gray bark and brick red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Marmo Maple is a dense deciduous tree with a strong central leader and 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 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.

Marmo Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent

Planting & Growing

Marmo Maple will grow to be about 60 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 6 feet from 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 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.