Variegated Flowering Maple

Abutilon pictum 'Thompsonii'

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

Beautiful variegated green and yellow palmate leaves are the focus on this wonderful multi-stemmed variety; presenting bold and vibrant, orange bell shaped flowers from spring until fall; mounded habit creates the ideal addition to containers and gardens

Ornamental Features

Variegated Flowering Maple features bold orange bell-shaped flowers along the branches from mid spring to mid fall. Its attractive lobed palmate leaves remain green in color with showy yellow variegation throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Variegated Flowering Maple is a multi-stemmed annual with a more or less rounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Variegated Flowering Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Variegated Flowering Maple flowers
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Variegated Flowering Maple foliage
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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Variegated Flowering Maple in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Variegated Flowering Maple will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant 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. 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Variegated Flowering Maple is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.