Starburst Amur Maackia

Maackia amurensis 'Starburst'



Starburst Amur Maackia
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Height: 30 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3

Description:

A denser, vigorous and more uniform variety with multi-season interest; compound leaves emerge fuzzy silver, creamy white spikes of flowers in mid-summer when few other trees bloom, and amazing mottled bark add up to a premium landscape gem

Ornamental Features

Starburst Amur Maackia features showy spikes of fragrant creamy white pea-like flowers rising above the foliage in mid summer. It has attractive forest green deciduous foliage which emerges silver in spring. The pinnately compound leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color. The mottled olive green bark is extremely showy and adds significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Starburst Amur Maackia 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 is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Starburst Amur Maackia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Starburst Amur Maackia will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.