Akikaze Nishiki Purpleblow Maple

Acer truncatum 'Akikaze Nishiki'



Akikaze Nishiki Purpleblow Maple foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Variegated Shantung Maple

Description:

A stunning, versatile variety, ideal for small home landscapes; incredible deep green and white variegated foliage puts on a show in summer; exciting fall colors and a neat appearance, makes this a fine choice deserving of greater use

Ornamental Features

Akikaze Nishiki Purpleblow Maple is smothered in stunning corymbs of buttery yellow flowers hanging below the branches in mid spring before the leaves. It has creamy white-variegated dark green foliage which emerges pink in spring. The lobed leaves turn outstanding shades of orange and scarlet in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Akikaze Nishiki Purpleblow Maple is a dense multi-stemmed 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.

Akikaze Nishiki Purpleblow Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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Planting & Growing

Akikaze Nishiki Purpleblow Maple will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 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 70 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 is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in clay soils. 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.