Norwegian Sunset® Maple

Acer 'Keithsform'

Height: 35 feet

Spread: 30 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Group/Class: Sunset Series

Description:

A smaller hybrid maple allied to the Norway maple, this variety features a strong, oval habit of growth and more reliable fall color than the typical Norway maple, also somewhat more drought tolerant; a fine shade tree for smaller yards



Norwegian Sunset Maple in fall
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Ornamental Features

Norwegian Sunset Maple is covered in stunning racemes of lemon yellow flowers along the branches in early spring. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The lobed leaves turn outstanding shades of orange and in the fall.



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Landscape Attributes

Norwegian Sunset Maple is a dense deciduous tree with a shapely oval 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.

Norwegian Sunset Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade

Planting & Growing

Norwegian Sunset Maple will grow to be about 35 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 5 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 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 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.



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