Rugged Ridge® Miyabe Maple

Acer miyabei 'JFS-KW3AMI'



Rugged Ridge Miyabe Maple
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 55 feet

Spread: 40 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A choice accent or shade tree for smaller landscapes with a neat, upright oval habit of growth and yellow fall color; a shapely tree for formal use in the landscape

Ornamental Features

Rugged Ridge Miyabe Maple is primarily valued in the landscape for its decidedly oval form. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The lobed leaves turn yellow in fall. The furrowed tan bark is extremely showy and adds significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Rugged Ridge Miyabe 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.

Rugged Ridge Miyabe Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Rugged Ridge Miyabe Maple will grow to be about 55 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 40 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 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.