North Wind® Japanese Maple

Acer 'IslNW'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Group/Class: Jack Frost Series

Description:

An elegant ornamental tree with leaves that emerge a bright red, then turn green during summer, finishing off with a display of brilliant scarlet-orange fall color; a great accent tree for smaller home landscapes

Ornamental Features

North Wind Japanese Maple is primarily valued in the landscape for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. It has attractive green deciduous foliage which emerges red in spring. The lobed palmate leaves are highly ornamental and turn outstanding shades of scarlet and orange in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

North Wind Japanese Maple is a deciduous tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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.

North Wind Japanese Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening



North Wind Japanese Maple in spring
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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Planting & Growing

North Wind Japanese 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 2 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.



North Wind Japanese Maple foliage
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