Royal Ruby Hedge Maple

Acer campestre 'Royal Ruby'



Royal Ruby Hedge Maple foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Field Maple

Description:

A very adaptable small to medium tree that is slow growing; great as small shade tree or pruned into a hedge or screen; clusters of large red samaras are quite ornamental, appearing as though the tree is blooming; a great accent or screen

Ornamental Features

Royal Ruby Hedge Maple has rich green deciduous foliage which emerges ruby-red in spring on a tree with a round habit of growth. The lobed leaves turn an outstanding yellow in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Royal Ruby Hedge Maple is a dense 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.

Royal Ruby Hedge Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Hedges/Screening
- Windbreaks and Shelterbelts

Planting & Growing

Royal Ruby Hedge Maple will grow to be about 20 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 is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow 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 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, but has a definite preference for alkaline 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.