Ventura Maple

Acer 'Ventura'



Ventura Maple in fall
Photo courtesy of Jeffries Nurseries

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 2

Description:

An excellent fall-coloring tree for northern climates, tolerates alkaline soils better than other small maples; available as either a tall multi-stemmed shrub or trained to tree-form; great accent tree for smaller home landscapes

Ornamental Features

Ventura Maple is primarily grown for its highly ornamental fruit. It features abundant showy red samaras from mid to late summer. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The lobed leaves turn outstanding shades of orange and red in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Ventura Maple is a multi-stemmed deciduous tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

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.

Ventura Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening

Planting & Growing

Ventura 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 fast 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 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.