Microphyllum Full Moon Maple

Acer shirasawanum 'Microphyllum'

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Small Leaved Full Moon Maple

Description:

This exciting variety produces small, bright green foliage that matures to chartreuse, followed by vibrant fall color; an ideal accent for smaller garden areas

Ornamental Features

Microphyllum Full Moon Maple has attractive chartreuse-variegated green foliage which emerges light green in spring on a tree with a round habit of growth. The small lobed leaves are highly ornamental and turn outstanding shades of yellow, orange and red in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Microphyllum Full Moon Maple is a 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.

Microphyllum Full Moon Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening



Microphyllum Full Moon Maple foliage
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Planting & Growing

Microphyllum Full Moon Maple will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 25 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 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 60 years or more.

This tree does best in a location that gets morning sunlight but is shaded from the hot afternoon sun, although it will also grow in partial shade. Keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. 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 pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.