Golden Dragon Purpleblow Maple

Acer truncatum 'Golden Dragon'

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Shantung Maple

Description:

A stunning, versatile variety, ideal for small home landscapes; purplish emerging foliage turns olive green with purple margins; brilliant yellow fall color and a neat appearance, makes this a fine choice deserving of greater use

Ornamental Features

Golden Dragon Purpleblow Maple is smothered in stunning corymbs of chartreuse flowers hanging below the branches in mid spring before the leaves. It has olive green foliage edged in purple which emerges purple in spring. The lobed leaves turn an outstanding yellow in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Golden Dragon Purpleblow Maple is a dense multi-stemmed 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.

Golden Dragon Purpleblow Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade



Golden Dragon Purpleblow Maple foliage
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Planting & Growing

Golden Dragon Purpleblow 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 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 70 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in clay 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.