Ruby Sunset® Maple

Acer 'JFS-KW249'

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A lovely tree with elegant foliage that stays fresh and glossy all season; stunning, deep ruby red fall color; a great tree for smaller home landscapes; very adaptable and cold hardy

Ornamental Features

Ruby Sunset Maple is primarily valued in the landscape for its decidedly oval form. It has attractive dark green foliage with pointy light green spines. The glossy lobed palmate leaves are highly ornamental and turn outstanding shades of orange and in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Ruby Sunset Maple is a deciduous tree with a shapely oval 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.

Ruby Sunset Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade



Ruby Sunset Maple foliage
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Planting & Growing

Ruby Sunset Maple will grow to be about 25 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 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.