Baby Dragon® Purpleblow Maple

Acer truncatum 'Baby Dragon'



Baby Dragon Purpleblow Maple foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 7 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Shantung Maple

Description:

A stunning, very small leaved, dwarf variety, with a dense, mounding, weeping habit; purplish-pink emerging foliage matures to green; brilliant yellow fall color can be mixed with red and orange; a fine choice deserving of greater use

Ornamental Features

Baby Dragon Purpleblow Maple is smothered in stunning corymbs of lemon yellow flowers hanging below the branches in mid spring before the leaves. It has attractive forest green deciduous foliage which emerges purple in spring. The small glossy lobed leaves are highly ornamental and turn outstanding shades of yellow, orange and red in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Baby Dragon Purpleblow Maple is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a shapely form and gracefully arching branches. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, 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.

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

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Baby Dragon Purpleblow Maple will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot 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 40 years or more.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. 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 type or pH. 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.