Metamorphosa® Japanese Maple

Acer palmatum 'ARJOS1'

Height: 13 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

A stunning, shrubby variety, featuring a nice texture and ever-changing foliage color; dissected leaves emerge yellow, soon developing a pink margin that shifts to white with hints of reddish-orange; vivid orange-red fall color; a perfect accent shrub

Ornamental Features

Metamorphosa Japanese Maple has attractive light green foliage edged in white with hints of pink which emerges yellow in spring on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. The deeply cut lobed palmate leaves are highly ornamental and turn outstanding shades of orange, red and burgundy in the fall. It produces red samaras from early to mid fall. The rough gray bark and red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Metamorphosa Japanese Maple is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub 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 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.

Metamorphosa Japanese Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Metamorphosa Japanese Maple foliage
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- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



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Planting & Growing

Metamorphosa Japanese Maple will grow to be about 13 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 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 80 years or more.

This shrub 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. This plant will benefit from an application of bonemeal and/or mycorrhizal fertilizer at the time of planting. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Metamorphosa Japanese Maple makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.