Spectrum Honeylocust

Gleditsia triacanthos 'Speczam'



Spectrum Honeylocust
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Height: 35 feet

Spread: 35 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A dazzling accent and shade tree in one, featuring brilliant yellow-gold foliage as it emerges in spring, fading to a softer yellow-green, holds its bright color well throughout the season, excellent fall color; makes a real statement in the landscape

Ornamental Features

Spectrum Honeylocust has attractive chartreuse deciduous foliage which emerges gold in spring on a tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. The pinnately compound leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding yellow in the fall.



Spectrum Honeylocust foliage
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Landscape Attributes

Spectrum Honeylocust is an open deciduous tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Spectrum Honeylocust is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Spectrum Honeylocust will grow to be about 35 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 35 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 7 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. It grows at a fast 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 may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selection of a native North American species.