Summerfrost Amur Maackia

Maackia amurensis 'Summerfrost'



Summerfrost Amur Maackia flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 18 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3

Description:

An ideal home-landscape sized ornamental tree with multi-season interest; compound leaves emerge fuzzy silver, creamy white spikes of flowers in mid-summer when few other trees bloom, and exfoliating copper-bronze bark add up to a premium landscape gem

Ornamental Features

Summerfrost Amur Maackia features showy spikes of fragrant creamy white pea-like flowers rising above the foliage in mid summer. It has attractive olive green deciduous foliage which emerges silver in spring. The pinnately compound leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color. The peeling coppery-bronze bark is extremely showy and adds significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Summerfrost Amur Maackia is a 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 is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Summerfrost Amur Maackia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Summerfrost Amur Maackia will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 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 50 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. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.