Asagi Nishiki Japanese Maple

Acer palmatum 'Asagi Nishiki'



Asagi Nishiki Japanese Maple foliage
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Height: 10 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

A beautiful selection with small, irregular shaped leaves of bright green, with creamy yellow variegation; orange and red fall color; strong upright grower with dense branching, makes a fantastic ornamental accent for the front yard

Ornamental Features

Asagi Nishiki Japanese Maple is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its ornamental globe-shaped form. It has attractive buttery yellow-variegated green foliage which emerges pink in spring. The small lobed palmate leaves are highly ornamental and turn outstanding shades of orange and red in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Asagi Nishiki Japanese Maple is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. 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.

Asagi Nishiki Japanese Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting

Planting & Growing

Asagi Nishiki Japanese Maple will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 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 60 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. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. 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.