# Fascination Japanese Maple

***Acer palmatum 'Fascination'***

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

**Description:**

A superb home landscape tree with beautiful chartreuse-green leaves that last through the season, turning brilliant orange, yellow, and crimson red in fall; artistic spreading habit of growth; a fine choice for small home landscapes and gardens



*Fascination Japanese Maple foliage*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*



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**Ornamental Features**

Fascination Japanese Maple is primarily valued in the landscape for its ornamental globe-shaped form. It has attractive chartreuse-variegated green foliage which emerges light green in spring. The lobed palmate leaves are highly ornamental and turn outstanding shades of orange, crimson and yellow in the fall. The rough gray bark and red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

**Landscape Attributes**

Fascination Japanese Maple is an open deciduous tree 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 tree, 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.

Fascination Japanese Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Mass Planting

**Planting & Growing**

Fascination Japanese Maple will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 80 years or more.

This tree 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 should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. 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.