Mr. Sun Dwarf Full Moon Maple

Acer shirasawanum 'Mr. Sun'



Mr. Sun Dwarf Full Moon Maple foliage
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Height: 8 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

This exciting dwarf variety produces rounded leaves that are cupped, resulting in pointed lobes that resemble sun rays; orange to red fall color creates an effect that is stunning; protect from hot afternoon sun; an ideal small accent for the garden

Ornamental Features

Mr. Sun Dwarf Full Moon Maple has attractive light green foliage with hints of rose which emerges red in spring on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. The recurved lobed palmate leaves are highly ornamental and turn outstanding shades of orange and in the fall. The rough gray bark and brick red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Mr. Sun Dwarf Full Moon Maple is a 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.

Mr. Sun Dwarf Full Moon Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Mr. Sun Dwarf Full Moon Maple will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It has a low canopy, 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 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 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. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Mr. Sun Dwarf Full Moon Maple makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants 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.