Blazing Elf™ Amur Maple

Acer ginnala 'Bron Blazing Elf'



Blazing Elf Amur Maple in fall
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3

Description:

A compact, dense, rounded variety presenting sprays of yellow fragrant blooms in spring; the samaras and fall foliage are vivid red; just the right size for garden or accent use, or a foundation planting as a fall color accent; makes a great hedge

Ornamental Features

Blazing Elf Amur Maple features showy clusters of fragrant buttery yellow flowers with white overtones at the ends of the branches from early to mid spring. It features abundant showy red samaras from late summer to mid fall. The fruit can be messy if allowed to drop on the lawn or walkways, and may require occasional clean-up. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The small lobed leaves turn outstanding shades of scarlet, gold and burgundy in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Blazing Elf Amur 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 is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Blazing Elf Amur Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Blazing Elf Amur Maple will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, 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 full sun to partial shade. 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. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.