Prairie Splendor Norway Maple

Acer platanoides 'Prairie Splendor'

Height: 40 feet

Spread: 30 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3

Description:

This well shaped shade tree is graced with burgundy to rich purple leaves throughout the whole season; hardy enough for northern gardeners; will adapt to most soils; casts a deep shade when mature

Ornamental Features

Prairie Splendor Norway Maple has attractive deep purple deciduous foliage which emerges burgundy in spring on a tree with an oval habit of growth. The lobed leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding burgundy in the fall. It is covered in stunning corymbs of lemon yellow flowers along the branches in early spring before the leaves.

Landscape Attributes

Prairie Splendor Norway Maple is a dense deciduous tree with a shapely oval form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer 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.

Prairie Splendor Norway Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade



Prairie Splendor Norway Maple foliage
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Planting & Growing

Prairie Splendor Norway Maple will grow to be about 40 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 6 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 80 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. 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 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.