Golden Fullmoon Maple

Acer japonicum 'Aureum'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

A spectacular small tree with enduring brilliant yellow-green foliage color all season long on distinctively shaped leaves, compact and shapely habit are ideal for home landscape use, makes a beautiful color accent

Ornamental Features

Golden Fullmoon Maple is primarily valued in the landscape for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. It has attractive gold deciduous foliage. The serrated lobed palmate leaves are highly ornamental and turn outstanding shades of orange and red in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Golden Fullmoon Maple is an open multi-stemmed deciduous tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, 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.

Golden Fullmoon Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use



Golden Fullmoon Maple foliage
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Planting & Growing

Golden Fullmoon 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 slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 100 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations!

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. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided, 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.