Trompenburg Japanese Maple

Acer palmatum 'Trompenburg'

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Group/Class: Dissectum

Description:

This cultivar's unique leaf shape, combined with the tree's naturally beautiful structure and color make it an excellent choice for the garden as a focal point; a favorite for its incredible crimson fall color

Ornamental Features

Trompenburg Japanese Maple is primarily valued in the landscape for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. It features subtle corymbs of red flowers rising above the foliage in mid spring before the leaves. It has attractive deep purple deciduous foliage which emerges red in spring. The deeply cut palmate leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding crimson in the fall. The rough gray bark and red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Trompenburg Japanese Maple is a deciduous tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

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.

Trompenburg Japanese Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Trompenburg Japanese Maple foliage
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- Accent
- Shade
- Mass Planting

Planting & Growing

Trompenburg Japanese Maple will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 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 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. 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.



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