Monroe Vine Maple

Acer circinatum 'Monroe'

Height: 13 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Monroe Cutleaf Vine Maple

Description:

A vigorous small ornamental tree for smaller yards and gardens, wider than tall; stunning gold fall color; attracts nesting birds; best with some shelter, needs moist soil, water more if grown in full sun

Ornamental Features

Monroe Vine Maple has attractive light green deciduous foliage on a plant with an oval habit of growth. The lobed leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding yellow in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Monroe Vine Maple is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a shapely oval form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

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.

Monroe Vine Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Monroe Vine Maple flowers
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Monroe Vine Maple in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Monroe Vine Maple will grow to be about 13 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 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 full 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 requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. 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 over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selection of a native North American species.



Monroe Vine Maple in spring
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