Asahi Zuru Japanese Maple

Acer palmatum 'Asahi Zuru'



Asahi Zuru Japanese Maple foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6

Other Names: Rising Sun, Dawn Swan

Description:

Young leaves are pink, aging to green with rose and prominent white variegation and specks, dazzling fall color; lovely upright vase-shaped form; Japanese maples are the most coveted of all small landscape trees, and with good reason

Ornamental Features

Asahi Zuru Japanese Maple is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its ornamental globe-shaped form. It has attractive creamy white-variegated green foliage with hints of rose which emerges rose in spring. The small lobed palmate leaves are highly ornamental and turn outstanding shades of red and orange in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Asahi Zuru Japanese Maple is a deciduous tree 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 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.

Asahi Zuru Japanese Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening

Planting & Growing

Asahi Zuru Japanese Maple will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 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 slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 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.