Nishiki Momiji Japanese Maple

Acer palmatum 'Nishiki Momiji'



Nishiki Momiji Japanese Maple foliage
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Height: 18 feet

Spread: 18 feet

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

A selection with attractive light green foliage during summer which emerges pinkish and retains hints of pink, turning fiery red in fall; a superb three-season accent tree for the home landscape

Ornamental Features

Nishiki Momiji Japanese Maple is primarily valued in the landscape for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. It has attractive light green foliage edged in pink which emerges rose in spring. The small lobed palmate leaves are highly ornamental and turn outstanding shades of scarlet and crimson in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Nishiki Momiji Japanese Maple is a 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 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.

Nishiki Momiji Japanese Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Nishiki Momiji Japanese Maple will grow to be about 18 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 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.

Nishiki Momiji Japanese Maple is a fine choice for the yard, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.