Simon Louis Freres Sycamore Maple

Acer pseudoplatanus 'Simon Louis Freres'



Simon Louis Freres Sycamore Maple foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Planetree Maple

Description:

A compact variety selected for its striking creamy variegated foliage, extremely distinctive and showy; best planted with some shade as the foliage can burn in direct sunlight

Ornamental Features

Simon Louis Freres Sycamore Maple has attractive green-spotted creamy white foliage which emerges pink in spring on a tree with an oval habit of growth. The lobed leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding burgundy in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Simon Louis Freres Sycamore Maple is a deciduous tree 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 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.

Simon Louis Freres Sycamore Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Simon Louis Freres Sycamore Maple will grow to be about 15 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 80 years or more.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. 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, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.