Variegated Ginkgo

Ginkgo biloba 'Variegata'



Variegated Ginkgo
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Height: 60 feet

Spread: 50 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Maidenhair Tree

Description:

A variety of this 150 million year old relic with very unique fan-shaped leaves that feature random yellow variegation; consistent form and good fall color, does not produce fruit; makes a great accent for the larger home property

Ornamental Features

Variegated Ginkgo has attractive yellow-variegated emerald green foliage on a tree with a pyramidal habit of growth. The fan-shaped leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding yellow in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Variegated Ginkgo is an open deciduous tree with a distinctive and refined pyramidal 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 tree, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Variegated Ginkgo is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Variegated Ginkgo will grow to be about 60 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 50 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 7 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 150 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations!

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. 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. 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.