Usugumo Japanese Maple

Acer mono 'Usugumo'



Usugumo Japanese Maple foliage
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Height: 40 feet

Spread: 40 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

A potentially large but slow growing variety with large palmate green leaves that turn to beautiful hues of orange, red, and yellow in fall; an eye catching focal point in the garden

Ornamental Features

Usugumo Japanese Maple has attractive green deciduous foliage on a tree with a round habit of growth. The lobed palmate leaves are highly ornamental and turn outstanding shades of yellow, orange and rose in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Usugumo Japanese Maple is a deciduous tree with a more or less rounded 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 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.

Usugumo Japanese Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening

Planting & Growing

Usugumo Japanese Maple will grow to be about 40 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 40 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 70 years or more.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. 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 pH, but grows best in rich soils. 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.