Monkey Hand Tree

Chiranthofremontia x lenzii



Monkey Hand Tree flowers
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Height: 30 feet

Spread: 30 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 9

Description:

Flowers are 8 cm in diameter, emerging among lush tomentos foliage that ads a soft texture; a yellow "monkey's hand" is formed from the flower stamens and are bright yellow

Ornamental Features

Monkey Hand Tree is bathed in stunning orange star-shaped flowers with antique red eyes along the branches in early spring, which emerge from distinctive burgundy flower buds. It has attractive grayish green evergreen foliage which emerges light green in spring. The fuzzy lobed leaves are highly ornamental and remain grayish green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Monkey Hand Tree is an evergreen tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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 after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Monkey Hand Tree is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent

Planting & Growing

Monkey Hand Tree will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 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 50 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.