Sensu Full Moon Maple

Acer shirasawanum 'Sensu'

Sensu Full Moon Maple foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Description:

Delicate, deeply divided foliage emerges with hints of pink and glows light green throughout the summer on this wonderful accent tree; bright red samaras add summer interest; fall colors are a blend of deep reds and orange

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Ornamental Features

Sensu Full Moon Maple is primarily grown for its highly ornamental fruit. It features abundant showy scarlet samaras in early summer. The fruit can be messy if allowed to drop on the lawn or walkways, and may require occasional clean-up. It has attractive light green deciduous foliage which emerges pink in spring. The lobed leaves are highly ornamental and turn outstanding shades of orange and in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Sensu Full Moon Maple is a multi-stemmed deciduous tree with a more or less rounded form. 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.

Sensu Full Moon Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening

Planting & Growing

Sensu Full Moon Maple will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 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 full sun to partial shade. You may want to 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 is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.