Deborah Norway Maple

Acer platanoides 'Deborah'



Deborah Norway Maple
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Height: 50 feet

Spread: 35 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

A choice shade tree for dynamic foliage color,which starts out red in spring and changes to dark green over the summer, followed by surprisingly good fall color for a Norway Maple; a fine selection for a front yard feature tree, also one of the hardiest

Ornamental Features

Deborah Norway Maple has attractive dark green deciduous foliage which emerges red in spring on a tree with a round habit of growth. The lobed leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding orange in the fall. It is smothered in stunning corymbs of lemon yellow flowers along the branches in early spring before the leaves.

Landscape Attributes

Deborah Norway Maple is a dense deciduous tree with a strong central leader and a more or less rounded form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer 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.

Deborah Norway Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade

Planting & Growing

Deborah Norway Maple will grow to be about 50 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 35 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 medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 100 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations!

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. 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.