Compact Amur Maple

Acer ginnala 'Compactum'

Compact Amur Maple
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Height: 10 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 2b

Description:

A compact version of the popular species with a dense, tight growth habit and brilliant scarlet fall color; ideal for garden or accent use, makes a fantastic hedge

Ornamental Features

Compact Amur Maple is primarily grown for its highly ornamental fruit. It features abundant showy red samaras in late summer. It has rich green deciduous foliage. The lobed leaves turn outstanding shades of orange and in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Compact Amur Maple is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub 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 shrub, 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.

Compact Amur Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening

Planting & Growing

Compact Amur Maple will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. 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.