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Crimson King Norway Maple

Acer platanoides 'Crimson King'



Crimson King Norway Maple
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 50 feet

Spread: 40 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

One of the most cherished purple-leaf landscape trees, holding its foliage color well throughout the season; a dense shade tree best used as a prominent color accent, many consider it the ultimate feature tree for the front yard

Ornamental Features

Crimson King Norway Maple has attractive burgundy deciduous foliage on a tree with a round habit of growth. The lobed leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding deep purple in the fall. It is bathed in stunning corymbs of lemon yellow flowers along the branches in early spring before the leaves.

Landscape Attributes

Crimson King Norway Maple is a dense deciduous tree with 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.

Crimson King Norway Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

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Planting & Growing

Crimson King Norway Maple will grow to be about 50 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 40 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.

