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Orangeola Cutleaf Japanese Maple

Acer palmatum 'Orangeola'

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Group/Class: Dissectum

Description:

This appropriately-named new selection has delicate lacy leaves which turn from orange in spring to rich green with orange highlights, turning fiery orange once again in fall; interesting weeping branches on a relatively upright plant, a choice accent

Ornamental Features

Orangeola Cutleaf Japanese Maple is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its highly ornamental weeping form. It has attractive dark green foliage edged in orange which emerges tomato-orange in spring. The small deeply cut ferny palmate leaves are highly ornamental and turn outstanding shades of orange and scarlet in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Orangeola Cutleaf Japanese Maple is a deciduous tree with a strong central leader and a rounded form and gracefully weeping branches. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

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.



Orangeola Cutleaf Japanese Maple
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Orangeola Cutleaf Japanese Maple foliage
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Orangeola Cutleaf Japanese Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



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Planting & Growing

Orangeola Cutleaf Japanese Maple will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, 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, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Orangeola Cutleaf Japanese Maple is a fine choice for the yard, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.