

AUTUMN BLAZE MAPLE

ACER freemanii pp # 4864 Jeffsred 'Autumn Blaze' Maple



Height: 50'-60'
Spread: 25-35'
Shape: Oval Crown

Foliage: Summer foliage is medium green. In the fall Autumn Blaze consistently develops brilliant, long-lasting orange-red color. This vivid color, as well as its rapid growth rate, is the main reason to plant this tree. It also has some winter interest, with the new growth retaining a red color after leaf drop that persists until the following season

Fall Color: brilliant, long-lasting orange-red color

Hardiness: 3-9

Comments: This is a hybrid cross of red maple and silver maple that performs well in Texas. It has excellent orange-red fall color that persists later than many others, and is extremely fast-growing. Under good conditions, it can grow 3ft. or more per year. It is tolerant of clay soils and drought and has a dense, oval head with strong branching. Developed in North Central Ohio, this tree will grow in a wide range of climates from Michigan to central Florida. It grows 50 ft. high and 40 ft. wide. Every yard should have one of these trees. Autumn Blaze is very adaptable to a wide range of climate and soil conditions. It tolerates clay soil, and will withstand wet soil conditions and drought. This tree will grow in a wide range of climates from Wisconsin to central Florida, and is hardy in USDA zones 3-9. Consider it for a site that isn't right for red or sugar maple, or as a more colorful alternative in place of silver or Norway maples. Like its silver maple parent, Autumn Blaze grows quickly. The growth rate of this cultivar is about four times faster than that of a red maple. Under optimal conditions it can grow 3 feet or more per year. Eventually it will grow to 50 feet tall and 40 feet wide. At maturity it will have an oval to rounded crown with ascending branches and a well-defined central leader. This tree is not as susceptible to storm damage as silver maple because it has superior crotch angles and a well-balanced branching habit (inherited from its red maple parent) but still has the weaker wood characteristic of the silver maple. It grows in a very uniform shape, so it requires little pruning

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