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Carnival Hedge Maple

Acer campestre 'Carnival'

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Field Maple

Description:

A smaller version of the hedge maple which will certainly draw attention with its small foliage which is pink and white variegated in spring, fading to white variegation only; not as tough as the species, use in the garden or as a color accent

Ornamental Features

Carnival Hedge Maple has attractive white-variegated green foliage with hints of pink on a plant with an oval habit of growth. The lobed leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Carnival Hedge Maple is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a shapely oval form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

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.

Carnival Hedge Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use



Carnival Hedge Maple foliage
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Planting & Growing

Carnival Hedge 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 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 50 years or more.

This shrub performs well in both full sun and full shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.



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