



**Tatarian Maple**  
*Acer tataricum*

Height: 16 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Summer Splendor, Pattern Perfect,

**Description:**

This is a fine small accent tree for the home landscape with a spreading habit, showy red seeds in summer and fall colors that range from yellow through red; tolerant of drought and alkaline conditions.

**Ornamental Features**

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

**Landscape Attributes**

Tatarian Maple is a deciduous tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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 tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, 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 is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Tatarian Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- Rock/Alpine Gardens



*Tatarian Maple in fall*  
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

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**Planting & Growing**

Tatarian Maple will grow to be about 16 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet 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 70 years or more.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to dry locations, and dislikes excessive moisture. 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 species is not originally from North America.