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**Red Sunset Red Maple\***  
*Acer rubrum 'Red Sunset'*

Height: 50 feet

Spread: 40 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Swamp Maple, Scarlet Maple

**Description:**

A very desirable cultivar of the red maple with a pronounced pyramidal form and reliable red fall color; distinctive form and rich colors make this a choice shade tree, ideal for larger landscapes; intolerant of alkaline soils

**Ornamental Features**

Red Sunset Red Maple features showy clusters of red flowers along the branches in early spring before the leaves. It has green foliage which emerges red in spring. The lobed leaves turn an outstanding red in the fall. The fruit is not ornamentally significant. The furrowed silver bark and brick red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

**Landscape Attributes**

Red Sunset Red Maple is a deciduous tree with a distinctive and refined pyramidal 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 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.

Red Sunset Red Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent



*Red Sunset Red Maple in fall*  
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### Planting & Growing

Red Sunset Red 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 for 80 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is quite adaptable, preferring to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the leaves in alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species.

*\* This is a 'special order' plant - contact store for details*



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