Joe Witt Snakebark Maple

Acer tegmentosum 'Joe Witt'



Joe Witt Snakebark Maple bark
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 35 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Manchurian Striped Maple

Description:

Grown for its striking white and green-striped bark and whitish-green stems which are more vibrant than on the species, buttery fall color; great for the winter landscape but attractive in every season

Ornamental Features

Joe Witt Snakebark Maple is covered in stunning racemes of chartreuse flowers along the branches in early spring. It has green deciduous foliage. The serrated lobed leaves turn an outstanding buttery yellow in the fall. The smooth white bark and green branches are extremely showy and add significant winter interest.



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Landscape Attributes

Joe Witt Snakebark Maple is a deciduous tree with a more or less rounded 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.

Joe Witt Snakebark Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Joe Witt Snakebark Maple will grow to be about 35 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 25 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 5 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a slow 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 does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.