

Botanical Name: Ginkgo biloba

Common Name: Maidenhair Tree

Type of Plant: conifer: tree Character deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, sparsely branched plant, with spreading-ascending branches forming a rather pyramidal, open, graceful canopy; the plant is a very distinctive, unusual gymnosperm; has deciduous fan-shaped leaves

Height 30'-50' (80') Spread 1/3-1/2 (2/3) Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun

Soil deep, well drained loam; grows poorly in heavy clay soil

Hardiness hardy (zones 1-9,14-24); thrives in distinct climate change

Morphology:

Leaves unusual, fan-shaped, alternate or whorled on short lateral spur-branches; 3"-5" wide, 2-lobed, leathery; turn bright yellow

Flowers inconspicuous; not true flowers but more closely resembling small cones; the plants are dioecious

Fruit female "cone"; resembles fleshy drupe, 1/2" diameter

Propagation: seed, grafted seedlings

Usage: (use male trees only) a very distinctive accent tree valued for its irregular form, foliage shape and gold color in fall; excellent for rustic, informal landscapes; may be used in groves or screen, lawn/street tree

Landscape Care:

Watering regular is preferred; plant becomes somewhat drought-tolerant with age

Fertilizing balanced, in spring; plant susceptible to iron chlorosis and salt burn in wet poorly-drained soils

Pruning stake when young; little pruning required as plant matures

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: China Family: Ginkgoaceae