



**Prairie Rouge® Red Maple\***

*Acer rubrum 'Jefrouge'*

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 2b

Other Names: Swamp Maple, Scarlet Maple

**Description:**

A wonderful selection of red maple featuring a narrow, upright habit of growth and outstanding bright red fall colour, that colours earlier than others of this species; resistant to frost cracking; prefers soil PH less than 7.5

**Ornamental Features**

Prairie Rouge Red Maple is primarily valued in the landscape for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. It features showy clusters of red flowers along the branches in early spring before the leaves. It has forest green deciduous foliage which emerges red in spring. The lobed leaves turn an outstanding red in the fall. The furrowed silver bark and brick red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

**Landscape Attributes**

Prairie Rouge Red Maple is a dense 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 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.



*Prairie Rouge Red Maple in fall*  
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Prairie Rouge Red Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent

#### **Planting & Growing**

Prairie Rouge Red Maple will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 6 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 90 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage 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*