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# Autumn Blaze Maple Acer x freemanii 'Jeffersred'

Height: 40 feet Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight: O 0

Hardiness Zone: 3b

## **Description:**

A seedless hybrid of the silver and red maple; stunning fall colours, fast growing, with an oval to rounded shape, tolerant of alkaline soils; requires a sheltered, wind-protected location.

#### **Ornamental Features**

Autumn Blaze Maple features showy clusters of red flowers along the branches . It has green deciduous foliage. The lobed leaves turn outstanding shades of orange and in the fall. The furrowed gray bark and brick red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Autumn Blaze 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 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.

Autumn Blaze Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade



Autumn Blaze Maple in fall Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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### **Planting & Growing**

Autumn Blaze Maple will grow to be about 40 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 25 feet. It has a high canopy of foliage that sits well above 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 fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 80 years or more.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. 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 or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.