

Ginkgo biloba

(maidenhair tree, ginkgo)

Ginkgo tree is native tree from China many times called as living fossil. The tree was rediscovered in late 18th century after it was believed it became extinct. For thousands of years, Chinese and Japanese monks cultivated ginkgo as sacred trees for food and medicine but not sharing their knowledge with public. The female trees produce a fleshy, orange-tan or pale yellowish fruits with a very foul odor. The nuts within are edible and expensive to buy in Asian markets. The leaves are fan shaped with parallel veins. The tree turns yellow in autumn. It grows best in the full. It can tolerate pollution and street condition. There are several varieties in market such as 'Fastigiata', 'Autumn Gold'.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Ginkgo

Pronunciation: GINK-go by-LO-buh

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: China

Heat Zones: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Hardiness Zones: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Uses: Specimen, Shade, Street, Pollution Tolerant / Urban

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: oval, Upright

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Coarse

Height at Maturity: 15 to 23 m

Spread at Maturity: 8 to 10 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 20 to 50 Years

Notes

For landscape purpose make sure to use only the male trees.

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Parallel

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Fan

Leaf Margins: Lobate

Leaf Textures: Leathery

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Yellow

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Flower Size Range: 3 - 7

Flower Type: Catkin

Flower Sexuality: Diecious (Monosexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Yellow

Seasons: Spring

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Drupe

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Yellow

Seasons: Fall, Winter

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: Yes

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: More than 50

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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