

Acer davidii

(Snakebark Maple)

Snakebark maple got its name from its snake-like bark. It is an upright tree, often multi-trunked tree grows to 8-15 m tall. Smooth, olive green bark is streaked with green and white. Leaves are unlobed and attractive in the fall. Easy to grow in average condition, prefers cool climate



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Érable de David

Arabic Name: قيقب دافيدي

Pronunciation: AY-ser dah-VID-ee-eye

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: China, Myanmar

Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

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

Uses: Topiary, Bonsai, Espalier, Border Plant, Shade, Street

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Slow

Tree Shape: Round

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Coarse

Height at Maturity: 5 to 8 m

Spread at Maturity: 3 to 5 meters, 5 to 8 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

Notes

Uncommonly found in cultivation. Attractive small tree or large shrub for the landscape.

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Leaf Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Serrulate, Dentate, Lobate

Leaf Textures: Medium

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Yellow

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Green

Seasons: Spring

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked, Can be trained to one trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy, Fissured

Fruit

Fruit Type: Samara

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Green, Brown

Seasons: Spring

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Fruit Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

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: 25-50 years

Diseases: Leaf Spots, Canker, Wilts, Root rot

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Mites, Caterpillars, Aphids

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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