East Bay Nursery

## Mardi Gras Flowering Maple

***Abutilon pictum 'Mardi Gras'***



*Mardi Gras Flowering Maple*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 7 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8b

**Description:**

This variety produces an abundance of nodding, bell shapes orange-salmon flowers all year; prune annually in early spring to maintain size; a great container plant

**Ornamental Features**

Mardi Gras Flowering Maple features bold nodding orange bell-shaped flowers with salmon overtones along the branches from early spring to late winter. It has attractive yellow-variegated green foliage. The lobed palmate leaves are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter.



*Mardi Gras Flowering Maple foliage*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

**Landscape Attributes**

Mardi Gras Flowering Maple is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub 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 shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Mardi Gras Flowering Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

**Planting & Growing**

Mardi Gras Flowering Maple will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Mardi Gras Flowering Maple makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.