East Bay Nursery

Apricot Flowering Maple

Abutilon 'Apricot'

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9a

Other Names: Parlor Maple

Description:

This variety produces stunning apricot colored, bell-shaped blooms with blush red sepals year round, with the largest flush in spring through summer; grow as a bushy shrub or shape into a small tree; a perfect container plant; attracts hummingbirds

Ornamental Features

Apricot Flowering Maple features showy peach bell-shaped flowers with gold overtones and brick red calyces at the ends of the branches from mid spring to late summer. It has forest green foliage with grayish green undersides. The serrated lobed leaves remain forest green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Apricot 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 should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Apricot Flowering Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Apricot Flowering Maple flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Apricot Flowering Maple in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Apricot Flowering Maple will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast 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 does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Apricot Flowering Maple makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants 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.