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Acer monspessulanum



Foliage Deciduous
Form Round
Mature Size 6-8 x 6-8m
Family Sapindaceae

MONTPELLIER MAPLE, FRENCH MAPLE

A slow-growing small shrub-like tree with dense branching to 6-12m in height with an oval to rounded form. The trunk is corky while branches tend to be smooth. Leaves are dark green and flowers are yellow-green and grow in clusters. The foliage turns a bright red and orange foliage in autumn. The flying fruits or Samaras also turn bright red. Produces samara fruit that can take on a reddish tinge. Can be mistaken for Acer campestre.

This tree is well-suited for streets, small gardens and urban landscapes. It responds well to pruning - even quite hard pruning - and can be easily hedged to form a screen. Its natural habitat is the Mediterranean where it grows as a large shrub to a small tree.

Montpelier Maple adapts to most soil types but is intolerant of saline and sodic soils. Grows in full sun to part shade.













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