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North Dakota Tree Selector

General

Scientific Name: *Acer tataricum*

Family: Sapindaceae (Soapberry)

Hardiness: Zone 2

Leaves: Deciduous

Plant Type: Tree

Growth

Rate: Medium

Mature Height: <25'

Longevity: Medium

Power Line: No

Ornamental

Flowers: Inconspicuous

Fruit: Paired samaras (winged seeds)

Fall Color: Yellow

Tatarian Maple

Description

A very tall shrub to small tree native to western Asia. Slightly larger in stature than Amur maple, but with slightly duller foliage and yellowish fall color. Attractive rosy-red seeds. The largest tree in North Dakota is 24 feet tall with a canopy spread of 27 feet

Preferences

Light: Full sun to partial shade.

Water: Prefers moist, well drained soils.

Soil: Adaptable to many soil types.

Comments

Tatarian maple is a handsome small specimen tree for sites with limited space. Several cultivars are available but due to its similarity with Amur maple, Tatarian maple is not widely available in the nursery trade.

One unique cultivar is:

Hot Wings® – A graceful, upright spreading tree developing a broad rounded shape. Flowers are followed by bright red samaras.



Credits: North Dakota Tree Handbook, North Dakota Extension Service, 1996.