

Maidenhair Tree

Ginkgo biloba



Emerging Foliage



Fruit



Fall Color



Princeton Sentry® 'PNI 2720'

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Family: Ginkgoaceae

Stem & Leaf Type: woody, deciduous leaves

Size: 50 — 80' tall; 30 — 40' wide

USDA Hardiness Zones: 4 to 8 (9)

Leaves: fan-shaped simple leaves in clusters or singles, 2—3" long & wide. Dichotomously veined.

Leaf Color: bright green in the summer, and change to a fantastic yellowish gold fall color

Flower Time: March-April

Flowers: Dioecious, male trees have 1" long green catkins that appear in spring and females have less conspicuous flowers

Fruit: Females produce seeds that are surrounded by tan fleshy, fruit-like skins (1 to 1.5") that mature in autumn and have a foul smell.

Light: full sun

Moisture: moist, well-drained

Insect/Disease Issues:

None. Insect and disease free!

Nativity: Eastern China

Location in the Gardens:

Several, Antique Rose Garden, South Mixed Border, Trial Garden



Culture & Landscape Value: Plants make excellent shade trees. Does well in nearly all difficult situations—tolerates poor soils and polluted air, making it a great urban tree. Plant named cultivars to avoid the female trees which produce seed that is covered in a foul-smelling fleshy, fruit-like covering. Young trees are often open and not much to look at. With age and time this tree becomes the envy of the block creating a dense, wide canopy. Leaves often drop all at once making a mess, but great for quick and efficient clean-up in the fall. Ginkgo is the only surviving member of an ancient plant family. It is a deciduous conifer (in the gymnosperm family), making them closer related to pines rather than maples.

Notes: Notable cultivars include: ‘Autumn Gold’ - great male selection with excellent golden fall color; 50' tall and 30' wide. ‘PNI 2720’ Princeton Sentry® - upright and compact, male . ‘Jade Butterflies’ - dwarf plants with a distinctive v-shaped habit, growing only about 4" a year. ‘Pendula’ - more umbrella shaped than weeping, slow growing.

Months of Interest:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec