



## 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. Its serrated lobed leaves remain forest green in color with curious grayish green undersides throughout the year.

### Landscape Attributes

Apricot Flowering Maple is a multi-stemmed evergreen perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant 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*  
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*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. Although it is technically a woody plant, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as a perennial in our climate if planted outdoors over the winter, usually regrowing from its base (crown) the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant 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 achieve 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 is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting 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 growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, this plant may be too tender to survive the winter if left outdoors in a container. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.