



# Gingerbread Paperbark Maple Acer 'Gingerbread (clump)'

Height: 25 feet
Spread: 15 feet
Sunlight: O •

Hardiness Zone: 5a

#### **Description:**

This lovely ornamental tree is renowned for its exfoliating (peeling) bark in cinnamon red, pink and tan, along wth good fall color; an extremely high value accent tree for the winter landscape

#### **Ornamental Features**

Gingerbread Paperbark Maple has dark green deciduous foliage on a tree with an oval habit of growth. The compound leaves turn an outstanding antique red in the fall. The peeling antique red bark is extremely showy and adds significant winter interest.

## **Landscape Attributes**

Gingerbread Paperbark Maple is a multi-stemmed deciduous tree with a shapely oval form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and should only be pruned in summer after the leaves have fully developed, as it may 'bleed' sap if pruned in late winter or early spring. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Gingerbread Paperbark Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade





Gingerbread Paperbark Maple bark Photo courtesy of Lake County Nursery



## **Planting & Growing**

Gingerbread Paperbark Maple will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 6 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.



Gingerbread Paperbark Maple in fall Photo courtesy of Lake County Nursery

## **Special Notes**

Available in multi-stem (clump form, several trunks) or with a single, low branched trunk