



**Monroe Vine Maple**  
*Acer circinatum 'Monroe'*

Height: 13 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Monroe Cutleaf Vine Maple

**Description:**

A vigorous small ornamental tree for smaller yards and gardens, wider than tall; stunning gold fall color; attracts nesting birds; best with some shelter, needs moist soil, water more if grown in full sun

**Ornamental Features**

Monroe Vine Maple has attractive light green foliage throughout the season. The lobed leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding yellow in the fall. Neither the flowers nor the fruit are ornamentally significant.

**Landscape Attributes**

Monroe Vine Maple is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a shapely oval form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, 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.

Monroe Vine Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Monroe Vine Maple flowers*  
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*Monroe Vine Maple in bloom*  
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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

### **Planting & Growing**

Monroe Vine Maple will grow to be about 13 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more.

This shrub does best in partial shade to shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selection of a native North American species.



*Monroe Vine Maple in spring  
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