

Red Sunset Red Maple

Acer rubrum 'Franksred'
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Height: 50' to 60' (45' at age 30)

Width: 40' to 50' (35' at age 30)

Hardiness Zone: 4 to 8

Crown: broadly ovate, medium texture

Foliage: glossy thick leaves persist late in fall, with orange-red to brilliant red color

Flowers: female, abundant red flowers

Fruit: bright red in early spring

Description: Selected in Oregon and introduced in 1966. Red Sunset is one of the best in dense, upright crown form and intensely red fall foliage. 'Franksred' is an alias.

Advantages: It develops good branch structure and has a longer display of fall color. One of the best red maples for midwestern U.S. Ability to compartmentalize wounds is above average.

Limitations: Susceptible to wind driven road salt. Leaf scorch occurs in warm climates. Species limitations

also apply. Shallow root system with some surface roots. Somewhat chlorotic on calcareous soils. The thin bark is easily damaged. Occasional storm damage. Susceptible to *Verticillium* wilt and leafhoppers. Cultivars may suffer from delayed graft incompatibility.

Site and Culture: Species information applies. Transplants readily, but avoid fall planting in northern zones. Adaptable over a wide range of climate and soils, from wet to dry, but requires acid soil. Tolerates partial shade. Choose cultivars for regional adaptation, especially for northern or southern extremes. Plants propagated on their own roots are preferred to avoid delayed graft incompatibility.

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