



# Ginkgo (Maidenhair Tree)

Ginkgo biloba



**Height:** 50' to 80'

**Width:** 30' to 40'

**Minimum Terrace Width Required:** 72"

**Crown:** Usually pyramidal when young often becoming more wide-spreading with large picturesque branches. Young nursery trees are often gaunt and open and become much more full and better with age.

**Foliage:** The fan shaped leaves are bright green on both surfaces during the summer changing to an excellent yellow in the fall. An early freeze can cause the leaves to fall nearly overnight.

**Flowers:** Male flowers are green cylindrical 1" long catkins during March and April.

**Fruit:** Only male trees should be planted as the female trees will have fleshy plum like fruit that is extremely messy with a foul odor. The female tree will likely begin producing the messy plum like fruit at about 20-years of age.

**Description:** The Ginkgo is a very primitive, large upright species. It has a slow to medium growth rate, probably 10' to 15' over 10 to 12 year period, although with adequate water and fertilizer this tree will grow very fast.

**Advantages:** The Ginkgo is air pollutant tolerant, it is a durable tree for difficult situations; displays good soil salt tolerance and is most often free of pests.

**Limitations:** Plant only a male Ginkgo because of the problems with the female fruit. The male Ginkgo is an excellent city tree but a large planting site is required, as the Ginkgo can become a very large tree.

**Site and Culture:** Transplants easily and establishes without difficulty, grows well in most soil types.

**Important Note:** Only male trees are to be planted. The female seeds are fleshy plum-like seed that are extremely messy and have a very foul odor.