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# Hornbeam maple

*Acer carpinifolium*

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This description is for **Hornbeam maple** (*Acer carpinifolium*):

**So named because the wood is tough like a beam made of horns; handy, should you ever need a beam made of horns but you're woefully low on horns.**

*Acer carpinifolium*, commonly known as the Hornbeam maple hails from Japan. A fairly small tree, growing no taller than about 10-15m. Unlike most other acers, this tree does not have lobed leaves. Instead it has ridged oval leaves with a serrated edge. They look similar to the leaves of the hornbeam, hence the name. In the autumn this tree really shines as the leaves turn a vibrant shade of yellow. It's a very hardy tree that will grow in most soil types as long as it is fertile and well-drained.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
<b>Known dangers?</b> no	<b>Acidity</b> Acidic Neutral Alkaline	<b>Standard category</b> Trees & shrubs Shrubs
<b>Height [m]</b> 5 - 6	<b>Hardiness zone</b> Z4-7	<b>Grown for</b> Ornamental Foliage

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<b>Spread [m]</b> 4	<b>Heat zone</b> H7-1	<b>Creative category</b> Kid Approved For Beginners Show-offs
<b>Dominant flower colour</b> Green	<b>Winter temperatures [°C]</b> -34 - -12	<b>Garden type</b> Woodland Park City
<b>Flower Fragrance</b> No, neutral please	<b>Heat days</b> 0 - 90	<b>Garden spaces</b> Specimen
<b>Flowering seasons</b> Early spring Mid spring	<b>Moisture</b> well-drained but frequently watered	<b>Gardening expertise</b> beginner
<b>Foliage in spring</b> Green	<b>Soil type</b> sandy Clay chalky loams	<b>Time to reach full size</b> up to 20 years
<b>Foliage in summer</b> Green	<b>Sun requirements</b> Full sun Partial shade	
<b>Foliage in Autumn</b> Red shades	<b>Exposure</b> Sheltered	
<b>Propagation methods</b> grafting seed budding		