

## Ginkgo biloba (Ginkgo, Maidenhair Tree)

Ginkgo features unique fan-shaped leaves and brilliant golden-yellow fall color (one of the earliest to turn color in the fall). In the fall the leaves drop nearly all at once to create a golden carpet beneath the tree, making cleanup a one-time activity.

Young ginkgo trees tend to look gangly and stark, with irregularly shaped, open canopies. However, they become more picturesque with age as they grow 50- to 80-ft. high and 30- to 40-ft. wide and develop full, round-to-pyramidal



FAR LEFT: 'Golden Globe' Fall Color Form Jim Robbins [CC BY-NC-ND 4.0](#) ; MIDDLE: Fall leaves on ground Jim Robbins [CC BY-NC-ND 4.0](#) ABOVE: Leaves close-up Randy Harter [CC BY 4.0](#)

crowns. Dormant, mature ginkgo trees showcase an attractive winter silhouette with light gray, furrowed bark.

Ginkgo grows slowly in its youth but more moderately as it matures in full sun to partial shade. Supplemental watering during summer dry spells and periodic fertilization in mid-spring and/or early fall will encourage growth.

Ginkgo is not difficult to transplant, but late fall/early winter planting favors establishment. Choose a well-drained location. Avoid wet soils.

The ginkgo tree is deer-resistant; tolerant of drought, heat, and air pollution; and moderately salt-tolerant.

Ginkgo is relatively free of pests, but it may cause contact dermatitis.

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### SOURCES:

[Ginkgo biloba \(Ginkgo, Maidenhair Tree\) | North Carolina Extension Gardener Plant Toolbox \(ncsu.edu\)](#)

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