

Acer x freemanii 'Armstrong Two'

Armstrong Two Freeman's Maple, Hybrid red maple

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Acer x freemanii 'Armstrong Two' (Armstrong Two Freeman's Maple) was selected by Scanlon Nursery in Olmsted Falls, USA, from the 'Armstrong' cultivar in 1976. The 'Armstrong Two' is more upright, stays narrower and has a denser structure with finer wood than the 'Armstrong' selection. In contrast to other *Acer x freemanii* selections, the 'Armstrong Two' cultivar does not bifurcate. Specimens grown from shoots are preferred, as grafted trees sometimes have delayed incompatibility. *Acer x freemanii* 'Armstrong Two' reaches a height of 15 metres and a width of 4 metres.

In late March, early April, the 'Armstrong Two' cultivar blooms hanging, orange-red corymbs. Bees and other insects love them. The large, palmate, doubly serrate leaves bud a beautiful red-violet, and in the summer the leaves turn green with a blue-green underside. Its autumn colours become an even more intense orange-red than those of the other selections, and the hotter the summer was, the more fiery red they get. *Acer x freemanii* 'Armstrong Two' does not bear fruit.

The 'Armstrong Two' cultivar is winterhardy, very wind-proof and tolerates air pollution very well. The tree can handle pavement and partly therefore, it is perfect for planting in narrow streets, provided there is a solid underground growth environment. This impressive selection also thrives in parks, in containers and along traffic roads. The 'Armstrong Two' cultivar does not have many soil requirements, but the tree does not prefer dry or lime soil. For optimal growth, position this selection in the sun or partial shade.

TYPES OF PLANTING

Tree types: standard trees

USE

Location: street, avenue, square, car park / parking lot, park, central reservation, in containers, roof garden, large garden, small garden, cemetery, traffic areas, industrial zones | **Pavement:** none, open, sealed | **Planting concepts:** Prairie planting

CHARACTERISTICS

Crown shape: columnar | **Crown structure:** dense | **Height:** 12 - 15 m | **Width:** 3 - 4 m | **Winter hardiness zone:** 4A - 9A

ASPECTS

Wind: tolerant to wind | **Soil:** loess, sabulous clay, peaty, heavy clay, light clay, sand, loamy soil, all soils | **Nutrient level:** moderately rich in nutrients, rich in nutrients | **Soil moisture level:** dry, moist, wet | **Light requirements:** sun, partial shade | **pH range:** acidic, neutral (5.5 - 7.8) | **Host plant/forage plant:** bees, butterflies | **Extreme environments:** tolerant to dryness, tolerates air pollution

PLANTKENMERKEN

Flowers: corymbose, pendulous | **Flower colour:** orange-red | **Flowering period:** March - April | **Leaf colour:** buds red-violet, green, underside blue-green | **Leaves:** deciduous, palmate, big, opposite, doubly serrate, lobate | **Autumn colour:** orange-red | **Fruits:** no fruit | **Bark colour:** grey | **Bark:** smooth, later on rough | **Twig colour:** red-brown | **Twigs:** with lenticels | **Root system:** shallow, extensive

