

Joe Witt Manchurian Striped Maple

Acer tegmentosum 'Joe Witt' (Family: *Sapindaceae*)

Description: *Acer tegmentosum* 'Joe Witt' is a small, deciduous tree; *A. tegmentosum* being native to Manchuria, Korea, and Russia. It is best known for the prominent straight, white lines on its bark.

Hardiness: USDA hardiness zones 4 to 7.

Natural Habitat: Manchuria, Korea, and Russia.

Mature Size: Height: 20' to 30', Spread: 15' to 20'

Form (Shape): Upright, rounded habit.

Growth Rate: Medium.

Foliage: Opposite, simple leaves that are 4-6" in length and width, uniformly serrated, acuminate, and cordate, and have 3-5 lobes. The petioles are 1-3" in length and have a groove where they attach to the leaf. Pale green in summer; pale yellow in autumn.

Texture: Medium-coarse.

Flowers: Grouped in racemes that are 3-4" in length. Individual flowers have 5 petals, a campanulate corolla and are yellowish-green in color.

Fruit: Produces samaras that are 3cm long, brown, and fruit in April. Wings form a wide, almost horizontal angle.

Light: Full sun to part shade.

Soil: Well-drained soil.

Propagation: Mainly propagated through seeds.

Failure Patterns: Cold hardy, but susceptible to frost damage on trunk.

Disease and Insects: No significant problems.

Landscape Use: Can be used as an accent, specimen, or shade tree, and for fall, summer, and spring interest.

Availability: Not commonly cultivated.