
Acer platanoides Crimson Sentry

One morning during the early summer of 1974, the head grower at Oregon nursery was stood quietly amongst his lines of Acer platanoides 'Crimson King'. He had paused for a moment, first looking up the row, taking in the uniformity of each tree in the line. Then, back down again, admiring the consistency they all shared....

Except for just this one tree, that stood right in front of him.

This one unique specimen was noticeably narrower in its crown, with proud ascending branches that stood precise and dominate. Its unusual upright nature made it appear like a lone, noble soldier stationed to keep guard over the nursery. Hence why the grower named it, Crimson Sentry.



It was so striking to him, that he cultivated this specimen which has now become one of the favourite trees we grow here at Wyevale.

Our Lead Grower, Chris Mason, saw this cultivar when working in Oregon nursery, and introduced it into the Wyevale growing list back in the 1990s. We still continue to grow and supply this fantastic cultivar today

This stunning tree is perfect for street tree planting in urban locations. Its tight form stays consistently narrow and will always remain within a 3m width. Its coastal tolerant, hardy to salt spreading applications and urban storm water runoff.

The discrete pale lemon flowers open in the early spring, which become a needed food source for insects to survive until other malus and prunus trees flower later in the month. It attracts honeybees, helping them overcome the winter and kick starting their honey production.



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