**Introduction**

This male cultivar of Ginkgo is practically pest-free, resistant to storm damage, and casts dense shade. It makes a durable street tree especially where overhead vertical space limits selection of wide trees. The shape is a symmetrical pyramid growing about 50 feet tall and 20 to 25 feet wide, which is quite unlike the open spreading habit of the species. There are other narrow, upright cultivars such as ‘Princeton Sentry’ and ‘Fairmont’. Ginkgo tolerates most soil, including compacted, and alkaline. The tree is easily transplanted and has a vivid yellow fall color which is second to none in brilliance, even in the south. However, leaves fall quickly and the fall color show is short. Unlike the species, the tree does not set fruit.

**General Information**

**Scientific name:** *Ginkgo biloba*

**Pronunciation:** GINK-go bye-LOE-buh

**Common name(s):** 'Lakeview' Maidenhair Tree, ‘Lakeview’ Ginkgo

**Family:** Ginkgoaceae

**USDA hardiness zones:** 3A through 8A (Fig. 2)

**Origin:** not native to North America

**Invasive potential:** little invasive potential

**Uses:** sidewalk cutout (tree pit); street without sidewalk; urban tolerant; highway median; tree lawn > 6 ft wide; Bonsai; tree lawn 4-6 feet wide

**Availability:** somewhat available, may have to go out of the region to find the tree

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**Description**

Height: 50 to 60 feet  
Spread: 20 to 30 feet  
Crown uniformity: symmetrical  
Crown shape: upright/erect, pyramidal  
Crown density: dense  
Growth rate: slow  
Texture: medium

**Foliage**

Leaf arrangement: alternate (Fig. 3)  
Leaf type: simple  
Leaf margin: lobed  
Leaf shape: fan-shaped  
Leaf venation: parallel, palmate  
Leaf type and persistence: deciduous  
Leaf blade length: 2 to 4 inches  
Leaf color: green  
Fall color: yellow  
Fall characteristic: showy

![Figure 3. Foliage](image)

**Flower**

Flower color: green  
Flower characteristics: not showy

**Fruit**

Fruit shape: no fruit  
Fruit length: no fruit  
Fruit covering: no fruit  
Fruit color: no fruit  
Fruit characteristics: no fruit

**Trunk and Branches**

Trunk/bark/branches: branches droop; showy; typically one trunk; thorns  
Pruning requirement: little required  
Breakage: resistant  
Current year twig color: brown, gray

**Culture**

Light requirement: full sun, partial sun or partial shade  
Soil tolerances: sand; loam; clay; acidic; alkaline; well-drained; occasionally wet  
Drought tolerance: high  
Aerosol salt tolerance: moderate

**Other**

Roots: not a problem  
Winter interest: yes  
Outstanding tree: yes  
Ozone sensitivity: unknown  
Verticillium wilt susceptibility: resistant  
Pest resistance: free of serious pests and diseases

**Use and Management**

Ginkgo may grow extremely slow for several years after planting, but will then pick up and grow at a moderate rate, particularly if it receives an adequate supply of water and some fertilizer. But do not overwater or plant in a poorly-drained area. Keep turf away from several feet around the trunk to help the tree become established. Very tolerant of urban soils and pollution, Ginkgo could be used more in USDA hardiness zone 7 but is not recommended in central and southern Texas or Oklahoma due to summer heat. Adapted for use as a street tree, even in confined soil spaces. Some early pruning to form one central leader and to eliminate vigorous upright branches is helpful.

There are several cultivars: ‘Autumn Gold’ - male, fruitless, bright gold fall color and rapid growth rate; ‘Fairmont’ - upright, oval to pyramidal form; ‘Fastigiata’ - male, fruitless, upright growth; ‘Laciniata’ - leaf margins deeply divided; ‘Mayfield’ - male, fruitless, upright fastigiate (columnar) growth; ‘Pendula’ - pendent branches; ‘Princeton Sentry’ - male, fruitless, fastigiate, narrow conical crown for restricted overhead spaces, popular, 65 feet tall, available in some nurseries; ‘Santa Cruz’ - umbrella-shaped, ‘Variegata’ - variegated leaves.

Propagation is by seed or grafting males.

**Pests and Diseases**

This tree is pest-free and considered resistant to gypsy moth.