

## Care guide – Trident Maple

Smooth gray bark with light orange spots. Trilobed leaves with three well-defined veins in each lobe, popularly called trident maple. Magnificent golden yellow color in autumn. Fruits with wings of 1.5 cm to 2.5 cm, green to brownish red when ripe. The acer buergerianum bonsai is an indispensable icon in a collection in addition to the palmatum maples, whose difference lies in the shape of the leaf with five to seven points instead of three of the acer buergerianum.

### Location

It should be kept outdoors, in full sun or in partial shade if you live in an area with strong sun (like the coasts of the Mediterranean region, for example).

### Soil

Use soil for acidic plants, but if the weather is very hot in summer, it is better to mix 70% Akadama with 30% perlite.

### Watering

Water 4 or 5 times a week in the summer and a little less the rest of the year. Use rainwater, low pH (4 to 6) or lime free.

### Pruning

At the end of winter, remove dry, diseased, weak, or broken branches and trim those that are overgrown.

### Wiring

During winter. As with all species of bonsai, it is important to permanently monitor the wire so as not to let it injure the bark.

## Repotting

It can be planted in a larger pot in the spring, before the leaves sprout or shortly after.