

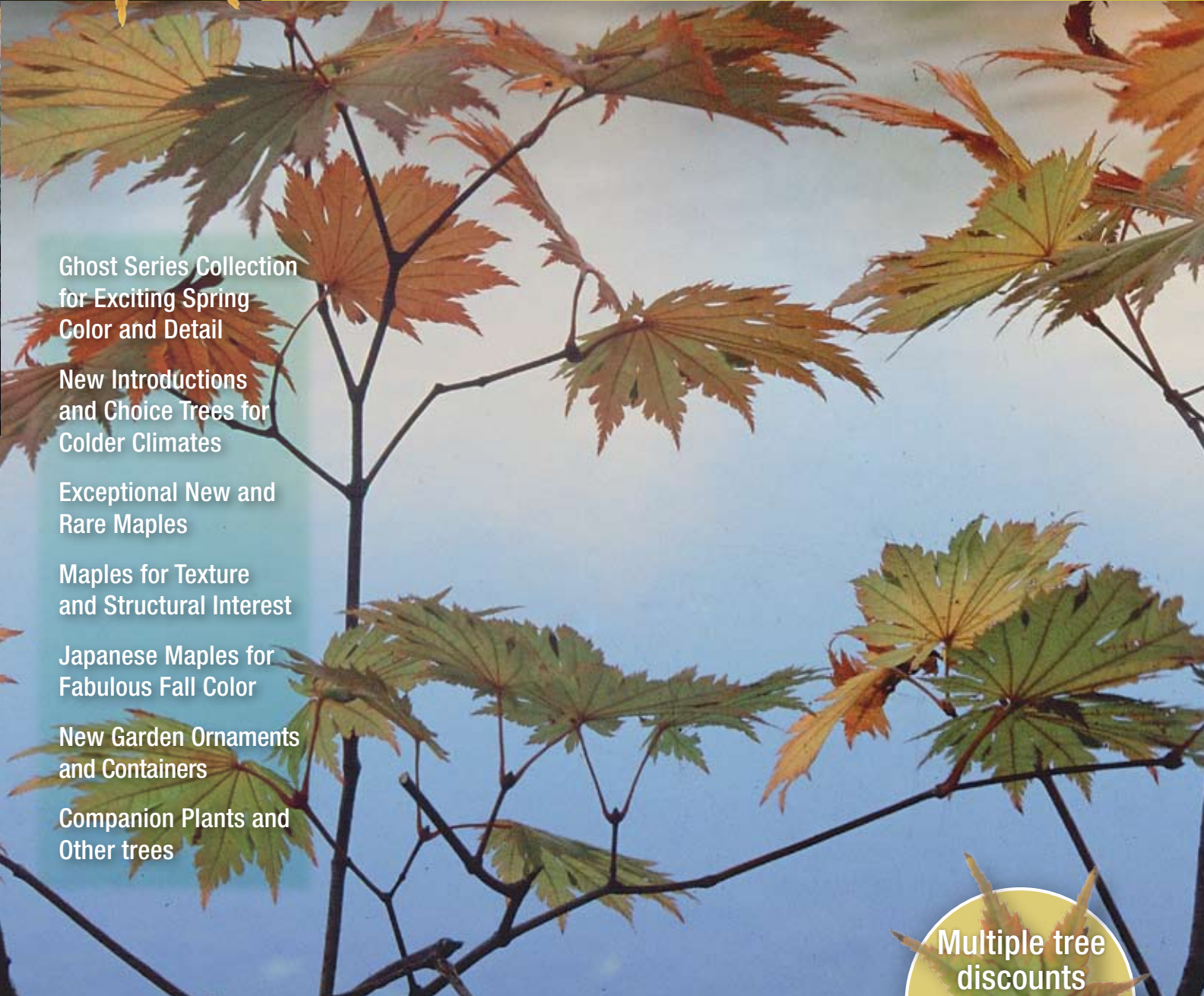
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Dear Friends and Fellow Gardeners,

HELLO TO OUR OLD FRIENDS AND WELCOME TO THE NEW. Japanese maples are our passion here at the nursery. Providing a full collection of Japanese maples that are healthy, beautiful and true to name, as well as all the information needed to choose and care for them, is our commitment to you.

I am the second generation of my family growing the Japanese maples. Over the years, working with all of the different trees, as well as talking to our customers across the country, I have gained a great depth of understanding about the individual cultivars. Each tree has unique qualities; whether cold or heat tolerant, faster or slower growing, or possess the perfect color or form for a special location. There is a depth of experience here to help you with your choices.

We are offering a beautiful selection of new introductions for the fall. Seeing the Ghost Series in full sun planted together was a stunning sight. The color of 'Amber Ghost' is like nothing I've ever seen in a plant, more like silk in depth and radiance. The frilly ruffled edges of 'Sister Ghost' with the incredible detail of the variegation give the impression of finely tatted lace. 'Uncle Ghost' goes through several incredible color changes in the spring alone. I love seeing them all together like kids in a family. Each trying to out shine the other! Little A.s. 'Kawaii' is the most delightful dissectum I've seen for years with an orange edge on the leaf all summer. Alternately A.s. 'Moonrise' is a big, sun tolerant, vigorously growing tree with intensely cherry red in spring and bright chartreuse yellow in summer. 'Fairy Hair' has an unusual and delicate appearance, sure to draw questions. 'Ryusen' has a weeping growth habit with incredible vigor to provide great architectural interest. These choice new trees are in limited supply. Please order early for best availability.

With so many new trees being produced in the maple world it has become a challenge to research and choose those most worthy of introduction. I look for unique characteristics that are not available in other maples. I insist that the trees be capable of thriving in your garden. Just because a tree can grow in a green house does not mean it will survive in the garden. That means the trees have been grown out in the garden for several years to prove themselves. I am eager to hear from all of you about how they perform in your garden, in your climate, so we can share your experience with other gardeners.

All of us here at the nursery are grateful to have work that we love and we thank you for making that possible. Gardening has always been my refuge in the storm of life. The trees give me perspective, providing joy with their exquisite beauty, comfort in their calm consistency and inspiration from their incredible strength and resilience. Time passes and the trees become more beautiful and mysterious. Thank you for sharing our passion for the maples. We look forward to hearing from you.

Enjoy your trees!

Tina

Excellent Customer Service

We are happy to hand pick your tree for you.

Whether for bonsai or the landscape, lower branching or strong central leader, let us know what you need.

We have an extensive collection of Japanese Maples. For complete availability please see our website

essenceofthetree.com or call us at 888-489-1886

Let us help you choose the best maple for your location.

Choosing which tree will provide the characteristics we desire as well as be compatible with our climate can be challenging. Over the years we have had the opportunity to learn the tolerances and weaknesses of the different cultivars. We are happy to help you find the perfect tree for your specific area and care for it. Please call or email us with your questions.

Special Services

Looking for a rare cultivar? Let us know and we will search through our sources to find it.

Do you need help identifying the name of a maple? We are happy to help. Please send as much information as you can including photos.

We encourage our customers to call us if a tree seems have a problem. Often we have the answers and an early call can save a tree.



Front cover, above, page 10 and 11: From the garden of Theodore D. Nierenberg at his home in Armonk, N.Y. My mother visited this private garden in 1997. Truly an inspiring piece of work.

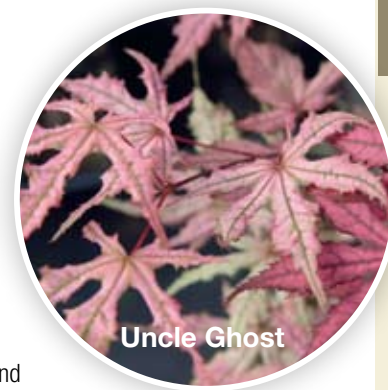
About Our Size Groups

Maples

We have had many customers call us exclaiming their pleasant surprise at the size and maturity of our trees. We are selling beautiful, well developed trees. We do not sell new grafts or liners as a size one tree. Although the tree may be in a one gallon pot the maturity of the tree is much different. We grow our trees slowly with plenty of space to allow for the development of the root system and branch structure. We also harden the trees off before they are shipped to be sure they are ready to be planted in the garden. We are committed to the success of your trees. Because maples vary greatly in their rate of growth as well as mature size we speak of their age as well as a size range. These size ranges exclude the smallest and the largest trees to provide an average for the majority. Our goal in production is to produce beautiful, healthy trees that are true to form with a pot full of roots.

Sizes are indicated by height x width x caliper (diameter of trunk at base)

Table with 4 columns: Group, Age, Container, Size. Rows include Size 1 (2-3 years old, 1 gallon), Size 2 (3-4 years old, 3 gallon), Size 3 (4-5 years old, 5 gallon), and Size 4 (5-6 years old, 7 gallon).



Uncle Ghost



Moonrise

Older trees are listed and priced separately to help calculate the shipping charges.

Specimen trees are mature individuals listed with information specific to the tree and photographs.

About Landscape Height, Container Height and Zones

We provide the rate of growth in the descriptions of the individual cultivars as well as height in a container or in the landscape at 10 years. Cultural conditions influence growth rates considerably. USDA hardiness zone information is provided with each cultivar. If you don't know your what USDA zone you are in please check our website or go to: www.usna.usda.gov/Hardzone/

Our Guarantee and Return Policy

Our plants are guaranteed healthy and true to name at the time of shipment. We realize the careful consideration that goes into choosing plants for your gardens and collections, also the time and effort to plant and care for them. Please notify us within 6 months if your tree fails to thrive and we will either replace your tree, offer you a credit for future purchase, or refund the cost of the plant. We cannot be responsible for unseasonable weather. Shipping charges are non-refundable. All items other than plants are unconditionally guaranteed and can be returned for a full refund of purchase price up to 30 days from receipt.

Our hope is to exceed your expectations. We know you will be thrilled when you receive your trees.

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Special Collections

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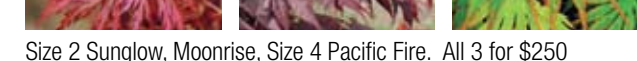
Ghost Series For the first time, a full collection of the Ghost Series by Talon Buchholz. The radiance of the color is stunning. Here is a selection of my favorites to start your collection. For the full collection see pages 4-5

Size 1- Purple Ghost, Amber Ghost, First Ghost. All 3 for \$150



New for Colder Climates Though beautiful in more temperate climates as well, these outstanding new cultivars offer exciting new color and texture for colder climates. Experience the diverse world of the maples in your northern garden with one or both of these collections. For more information see pages 6-7

Size1 Kawaii, Johin, Sensu. All 3 for \$150



Size 2 Sunglow, Moonrise, Size 4 Pacific Fire. All 3 for \$250



New and Rare Highly desirable and unusual cultivars for the seasoned collector or an opportunity to have the best first. For more information see page 8

Size1 Geisha, Fairy Hair, Beni ubi gohon. All three for \$175



Quantity Discounts

Three circular callouts: Buy 3 get 10% off, Buy 5 get 15% off, Buy 7+ get 20% off



Amber Ghost



Amber Ghost

A.p. Amber Ghost

Landscape Ht: 10 Container Ht: 6 Zones: 6 to 9
 Amber Ghost offers completely unique color in the maples, my favorite in the Ghost Series. Spring is first bright pink changing to a melon, pink-orange color. Summer is a warm soft amber with a distinct green vein. Fall brings bright red and orange. A wide, upright tree. Slow growing though not difficult, needs protection from afternoon sun. Excellent for either container or landscape. A series of stunning colors to bring into the garden.
 Size 1 Amber Ghost \$60.00
 Size 2 Amber Ghost \$90.00

A.p. First Ghost
 Landscape Ht: 7 Container Ht: 4 Zones: 6 to 9
 Baby pink and white leaves with red tips in spring, change to white with a pink blush and a green vein in summer. Yellow and orange in the fall. A deeply divided leaf with a serrated, ruffled edge. Low and wide cascading form. Needs protection from afternoon sun. Smaller than other Ghost series trees, an excellent choice for containers and small gardens.
 Size 1 First Ghost \$60.00
 Size 2 First Ghost \$90.00



First Ghost



First Ghost

A.p. Grandma Ghost

Landscape Ht: 8 Container Ht: 6 Zones: 6 to 9
 Oh so pale pink emergence of deeply divided leaves changes to soft creamy yellow green with a green vein. Bright red leaf stems provide wonderful contrast and suffuse pink into the center veins of the leaf. Slowly changes to pale green with distinct veins for summer and gold and red for fall. The impression of this tree in the garden is soft and flowing. Needs protection from hot afternoon sun. Excellent for container or an intimate location in the garden.
 Size 1 Grandma Ghost \$60.00



Grandma Ghost

A.p. Purple Ghost

Landscape Ht: 8 Container Ht: 5 Zones: 6 to 9
 This the most familiar introduction from the Buchholz Ghost series. Gardeners everywhere have found the intense color and vigorous growth an asset in the garden. An iridescent reddish purple in the spring moving to purple for summer and bright red for the fall always an eye catching bright tree. The details on the leaves are worth noting, both the ruffled edge and the pronounced contrast of the black vein. Easy to grow, upright with a wide spreading habit this tree will not tolerate heavy soil or intense sun.
 Size 1 Purple Ghost \$50.00
 Size 2 Purple Ghost \$80.00
 Size 3 Purple Ghost \$120.00



Purple Ghost

Purple Ghost

A.p. Sister Ghost

Landscape Ht: 6 Container Ht: 4 Zones: 6 to 9
 White deeply divided leaves with a distinct pale green vein. Heavily serrated and ruffled with a rosy pink tip at emergence. Immediately draws the eye. Graceful wide, cascading form. Perhaps the strongest in the Ghost series. Needs protection from afternoon sun. Excellent for either container or a focal point.
 Size 1 Sister Ghost \$60.00
 Size 2 Sister Ghost \$90.00



Sister Ghost



Sister Ghost

A.p. Uncle Ghost

Landscape Ht: 6 Container Ht: 4 Zones: 6 to 9
 Leaves in shades of pink, from pale to deep, rich fuchsia contrast with one another to create a beautiful layered effect. Summer changes to deep red with a subtle dark vein. Fall is yellow to crimson. The narrow lobes and slightly ruffled serrated edge appear graceful and delicate. Slow growing, small wide tree. Needs protection from hot sun. Exquisite details deserve intimate viewing location. Excellent for either a small garden or container.
 Size 2 Uncle Ghost \$90.00



Uncle Ghost

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Buchholz Ghost Series
 Perhaps the most diverse gene pool in the plant kingdom, Acer palmatum is a propagators dream. Talon Buchholz cast seed one year and discovered a group of trees with exceptionally beautiful and unusual colors and variegation. The effect of the pale green and white variegation and the heavily serrated ruffled edge in the mist of the morning was ghostly...and so the series was born.



Johin



Johin

Acer shirasawanum Johin

Landscape Ht: 6 Container Ht: 4 Zones: 5 to 9

A deeply divided leaf with nine long, pointed lobes on the curling slightly under similar to Trompenberg. Deep red with a pronounced green vein in spring changing to rich brick red through summer with red seeds appearing above the leaf and orange and red fall. Short internodes allow each leaf to lay on top of another creating a beautiful flowing effect. The name means 'Elegant'. Slow growing, needs protection from afternoon sun, excellent for colder climates. A.s. Johin \$60.00

Special Collections

Exclusive of other discounts or specials

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Size 1 Kawaii, Johin, Sensu.

All 3 for \$150

Size 2 Sunglow, Moonrise, Size 4 Pacific Fire.

All 3 for \$250

Acer shirasawanum Moonrise

Landscape Ht: 12 Container Ht: 8 Zones: 5 to 9

We were stunned by the bright red spring emergence on this tree. Add the wonderful chartreuse summer color, a vigorous growth habit and an increased sun tolerance and you can see why we are excited about this tree. Big, beautiful open form, an excellent choice for those of us who love Aureum but don't have the shade.

Size 2 A.s. Moonrise \$80.00



Moonrise

Acer shirasawanum Sensu

Landscape Ht: 9 Container Ht: 6 Zones: 5 to 9

Long distinctly separate lobes emerge salmon pink in spring and slowly change to a pale green with an orange blush and tip. Crimson seeds appear above the leaf in summer. Fall brings deep orange. 'Sensu' means moving fan describing the graceful movement of the pendulous branches in the wind. Needs protection from hot afternoon sun. An excellent alternative to 'Omure yama' in colder climates.

Size 1 A.s. Sensu \$60.00

Size 2 A.s. Sensu \$90.00



Sensu



Sensu

Acer shirasawanum Kawaii

Landscape Ht: 3 Container Ht: 2 Zones: 5 to 9

Kawaii means 'cute'. Everyone will want this delightful little tree that in their garden. Leaves emerge orange-red in spring, as summer progresses the vein turns green creating an orange edged leaf.

Fall is bright red and orange. Smaller than any of the other dissectums in all respects, the leaves are just 3" across, with short internodes and 3' tall in 10 years. Perfect for containers, rock gardens or the small garden. An excellent choice for colder climates.

Size 3 A.s. Kawaii \$60.00



Kawaii



Kawaii

Colder Climate Maples

Though beautiful in more temperate zones as well, the Acer japonicum Acer circinatum and Acer shirasawanum species will tolerate much colder winters while providing all the extraordinary color and form we desire from Japanese Maples. These new introductions dramatically expand the palette for northern gardens and offer exciting new opportunities to all gardeners.



Pacific Fire

Acer circinatum Pacific Fire

Landscape Ht: 12 Container Ht: 8 Zones: 5 to 9

The intense shiny orange-red bark of this northwestern native is glorious against the snow or the gray winter sky. Lime green orbicular leaves unfold like fans. Emerges later in spring than the A.p., making this an excellent red bark winter interest for colder areas. Delightful to grow, none of the die back issues common to other red bark maples. Upright form with open habit that contrasts the leaves to the bark.

Size 3 A.c. Pacific Fire \$120.00



Sunglow



Sunglow

Acer circinatum Sunglow

Landscape Ht: 8 Container Ht: 4 Zones: 5 to 9

A cultivar from the species native to Northern California and Southern Oregon, A.c. Sunglow is luminous orange in spring changing to pale green in summer and yellow with orange in the fall. Small upright growth habit. Like the species, needs shade.

Size 2 A.c. Sunglow \$80.00

Exceptional New and Rare Maples

Maples for Texture and Structural Interest



Beni ubi gohon

A.p. Geisha
 Landscape Ht: 3 Container Ht: 2 Zones: 6 to 9
 A show girl for sure, the flashiest tree in the nursery in the spring. Heavily variegated in spring with magenta and pastel pink, changing to cream and light green in the summer. Two tone scarlet in the fall. Very slow growing and somewhat delicate, needs protection from all weather extremes. Forms an upright dense bush. An introduction of Talon Buchholz.
 Size 1 Geisha \$70.00



Geisha



Enkan

A.p. Enkan
 Landscape Ht: 8 Container Ht: 6 Zones: 5 to 9
 This delightful little red tree is smaller than most from the linearlobum group. With shorter lobes on the leaves and shorter internodes this tree is excellent for bonsai and containers providing an intense splash of red with textural interest as well.
 Size 2 Enkan \$80.00
 Size 3 Enkan \$120.00



Beni Kumo no su

A.p. Beni Kumo no su
 Landscape Ht: 4 Container Ht: 2 Zones: 6 to 9
 'Beni Kumo no su' has the delicate appearance of a spider's web providing a soft diaphanous effect. The extremely finely dissected leaves are bright red in spring changing to a rusty orange tone in the summer and red in the fall. Extremely slow growing with dense cascading form. Not at all difficult to grow, needs protection from extreme heat, will take a lot of sun in milder climates. Must protect from late freezes.
 Size 2 Beni Kumo no su \$80.00

A.p. Beni ubi gohon

Landscape Ht: 6 Container Ht: 4 Zones: 5 to 9
 Dusty rose with a green vein changing to a deep red in summer and scarlet in the fall. The leaves are much smaller, about 2", and the small compact form is unusual for a maple in the linearlobum group. A slow consistent grower, wonderful for bonsai and container.
 Size 1 Beni ubi gohon \$60.00



Fairy Hair

A.p. Fairy Hair

Landscape Ht: 3 Container Ht: 2
 Zones: 6 to 9
 Extremely fine threadlike linearlobum leaves emerge in spring pale green with a red tip changing to green in summer and gold and orange in the fall. An ethereal beauty developed by Talon Buchholz, I believe this tree may be identical to Koto Ito Komachi, although stronger and more stable. Very slow growing, perhaps no more than a couple of inches in a year with internodes stacked on top of one another. The most rare and unusual of all the new introductions.
 Size 1 Fairy Hair \$90.00

A.p. Hanami nishiki

Landscape Ht: 5 Container Ht: 3 Zones: 6 to 9
 With leaves growing no larger than the size of your thumb, this tree is highly desirable for bonsai and a delightful soft texture in the garden. The tiny leaves emerge yellow, change to green in summer and to yellow and orange for fall. In Japanese the name means 'a flower tapestry'. The compact form and small size make this tree ideal for a small garden. Easy to grow, heat tolerant.
 Size 2 Hanami nishiki \$80.00



Hanami nishiki

A.p. Mikawa yatsubusa

Landscape Ht: 5 Container Ht: 3 Zones: 5 to 9
 The very best of the upright dwarfs. In spring, each pale green leaf is layered one on top of another as they emerge. Very slow growing with sturdy upright structure. Glorious red fall color. Excellent as a focal point in a small garden on in a container for continuous seasonal changes.
 Size 2 Mikawa yatsubusa \$80.00
 Size 3 Mikawa yatsubusa \$120.00



Bihou

A.p. Bihou

Landscape Ht: 10 Container Ht: 6 Zones: 6 to 9
 I first saw this tree in the southeast in October. The yellow bark with an overcast of orange is beautiful, like no other maple I've ever seen. The buds emerge red unfolding a green leaf, changing to yellow with specks of orange for fall. A vigorous, upright growing tree with good sun tolerance. Beautiful in combination with any of the red bark maples to create a stunning winter interest in the garden.
 Size 2 Bihou \$90.00

New & Rare

Providing exciting and unusual features not seen in other maples, we are pleased to offer these highly desirable new introductions.

A.p. Ryusen

Landscape Ht: 5 Container Ht: 3 Zones: 5 to 9
 A new weeping palmate, like a waterfall of stars, offers incredible possibilities with its great vigor and totally weeping form. I first saw this tree in a container on top of a pedestal cascading down 3' below the container! As vigorously growing as the species, consider staking to create an 'S' curve for vertical structure. Excellent sun and heat tolerance. Ryusen is later to emerge than most weeping trees and therefore more suited to climates with late spring freezes. This tree would be lovely next to a water effect, a wonderful addition to any garden.
 Size 2 Ryusen \$90.00



Ryusen



Red Rugose

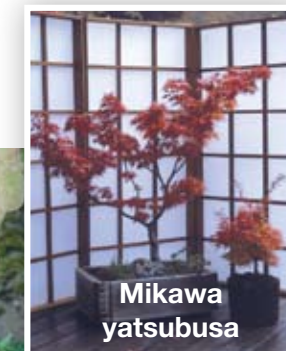
A whisper of red color with a foamy texture can soften a straight line or wall changing a problem to a point of interest. A rigid angular structure in a mass of foliage creates contrast to compliment both features.

A.p. Red Rugose

Landscape Ht: 10 Container Ht: 8 Zones: 6 to 9
 The ruby red spring emergence along with the stocky, angular structure of this tree immediately caught my interest. The rugose leaves change to deep ruby red in the summer and orange red in the fall. Green bark provides a striking contrast for the red leaves and a handsome structural interest in the winter. Not at all difficult to grow with a slow to medium growth rate. Great detail interest for close viewing or containers.
 Size 2 Red Rugose \$80.00



Red Rugose



Mikawa yatsubusa

Mikawa yatsubusa



Vitafolium

Red Fall Color

A.p. Adrian's Compact

Landscape Ht: 3 Container Ht: 2 Zones: 6 to 9
A new addition to the dwarf group, excellent red color holds in shade, red orange fall color. Smaller than Shaina or Aratama, and NOT a witches broom which I believe makes it a stronger plant and greater longevity. Slow growing, dense growth needs good air circulation.
Size 2 Adrian's Compact \$90.00



Red Dragon

A.p. Muro gawa

Landscape Ht: 10 Container Ht: 6 Zones: 6 to 9
Dramatic color changes though the seasons. Deep pink in spring, red with a green vein in summer, fading to orange late summer, fall is orange-red to crimson. The yellow-green bark is a striking contrast and along with the wide form and pendulous branches provides a beautiful winter silhouette. A classic tree named after the Muro river in Japan.
Size 2 Muro gawa \$80.00
Size 3 Muro gawa \$120.00

A.p. Umegae

Landscape Ht: 8 Container Ht: 4 Zones: 6 to 9
There are a group of maples I call the chocolate trees because of the rich purple-brown tones they have in the summer. This is dark chocolate, with all the creamy depth of color you expect. Emerging bright red in spring, changing to chocolate with bright green veins, seeds and bark contrasting against the leaves. Outstanding crimson fall color. The sharply pointed, seven lobed leaves add texture to the picture. More cold tolerant than many maples, needs protection from hot sun, not tolerant of hard water or alkaline soil. Upright with a wide canopy, slow growing.
Size 1 Umegae \$50.00
Size 3 Umegae \$120.00
Size 2 Umegae \$70.00

A.p. Sumi nagashi

Landscape Ht: 15 Container Ht: 6 Zones: 5 to 9
Peter Gregory calls this tree the best large leaved red cultivar in the deeply divided group and I agree. Bright red spring changes to deep red in summer, transitions through green to outstanding red fall color. Green bark and profuse red seeds that light up in the sun. More upright, less spreading than most in this group with a sturdy open structure. Vigorous in youth, best protected from intense sun. Excellent in the garden or in a container with pruning.
Size 4 Sumi nagashi \$150.00

A.p. Red Dragon

Landscape Ht: 5 Container Ht: 4 Zones: 5 to 9
A much more true red rather than purple and holds its red color through the summer changing to a flaming red in fall. Red Dragon has quickly become the favorite red dissectum. Overall smaller than most dissectum, with a smaller leaf, slower growth habit and black bark making this tree the best choice for a container or bonsai
Size 1 Red Dragon \$50.00
Size 2 Red Dragon \$80.00

Orange Gold Fall Color

A.p. Beni hoshi

Landscape Ht: 9 Container Ht: 6 Zones: 6 to 9
Also known as 'Ruby Stars', spring emergence is ruby red on this small upright tree changing to a deep red in summer. As summer progresses the vein on the small star shaped leaves slowly suffuses with green creating texture and depth. Lovely golden orange in the fall. Open habit and somewhat angular structure and green bark. Slow growing, though not difficult, a wonderful tree for a small garden or container.
Size 2 Beni hoshi \$80.00
Size 3 Beni hoshi \$120.00

A.p. Green Mist

Landscape Ht: 6 Container Ht: 4 Zones: 6 to 9
A soft, pale green dissectum leaf that hangs lax off of the branch creating a flowing effect. Beautiful soft orange in the fall. An excellent choice to compliment a water feature. Slow growing very horizontal, weeping habit. Best with some shade.
Size 2 Green Mist \$70.00

A.p. Tsuru nishiki

Landscape Ht: 8 Container Ht: 4 Zones: 6 to 9
A wonderful tree for unique textural interest, this was one of my mother's favorite trees. Deeply divided leaves are finely serrated along the edge and have a coarse texture. Narrow lobes twist individually from the stem. Leaves emerge green with a rose blush and turn a deep blue green for summer. Fall is an incredible show of orange and yellow. Slow growing, wide, open layered form.
Size 2 Tsuru nishiki \$80.00
Size 3 Tsuru nishiki \$120.00



Green Mist

Yellow Fall Color

A.p. Lemon Lime Lace

Landscape Ht: 6 Container Ht: 5 Zones: 6 to 9
Very finely cut laceleaf, pale green spring turns to lime green for summer and golden yellow for fall. Slow growing with very curving weeping structure. Needs protection from late frost and extreme heat. An elegant container tree.
Size 2 Lemon Lime Lace \$80.00

A.p. Red Pygmy

Landscape Ht: 8 Container Ht: 3 Zones: 5 to 9
One of the very fine threadleaf maples with warm red through the summer making a surprising change to yellow in the fall. A soft textural effect. Very slow to grow, forming an upright, small compact bush.
Size 2 Red Pygmy \$80.00
Size 3 Red Pygmy \$120.00

A.p. Shidava Gold

Landscape Ht: 6 Container Ht: 4 Zones: 6 to 9
All of the best features of 'Ukon' in a delightful small tree. Pale celery green leaves in spring change to light green through summer and clear yellow for fall. The bright pea green bark is wonderful in contrast with 'Beni Kawa' for the winter bark interest. The structure is upright and open form with excellent proportion.
Size 2 Shidava Gold \$80.00
Size 3 Shidava Gold \$120.00

Red / Orange / Yellow Fall Color

Acer japonicum Vitifolium

Landscape Ht: 18 Container Ht: 12 Zones: 5 to 9
A large, vigorous tree with extraordinary fall color. The leaves are as big as your hand. Fall color of orange, yellow and red comes early and fast creating a fire in the sky. You can see this tree for miles in fall color. Fall color is consistent even in warmer climates.
Size 3 A.j. Vitifolium \$120.00

A.p. Ever Autumn

Landscape Ht: 12 Container Ht: 7 Zones: 6 to 9
The large leaves and strong branching of this tree create a commanding presence. Spring emergence is a delightful salmon pink changing to a medium green with orange tones for summer. As the name implies, fall color is an early display of intense colors lasting for weeks. A vigorous, easy tree to grow.
Size 3 Ever Autumn \$150.00
Size 4 Ever Autumn \$190.00

Fabulous Fall Color

Historically maples were known first for their fall color. Consider a grouping of maples for a dramatic impact in the fall. With various heights, forms and structures as well as a palette of extraordinary fall colors you can create an autumn masterpiece.

Garden Ornaments



David's Eyes

Michelangelo's David's Eyes

David's eyes peer intensely through the garden. At first glance you wonder what it is you see, then the gaze is locked and you are engaged with the moment. A complex and elegant piece of sculpture for the garden. Sure to draw attention and raise questions. Cast from cement with unique hand applied metal finish, the coloration on each piece is unique. Approximately 5" tall and 14" wide
Michelangelo's David's Eyes \$70.00

Replicated Aged Wood Pavers

Made in the studio of the Artist in Northern California, these garden pavers have the look of natural aged wood, but are made of an eco-friendly, cast stone material of 60% recycled material. The cast pavers allow for beautiful and durable natural textures replicated sustainably. Molds are created with aged wood that has fallen naturally, not cut down. Multi-functional, these replicated wood pavers can be used to create pathways, as tabletops, artistic wall pieces, or planter bases. Handcrafted, no two are exactly alike. Approximately 18".
Please specify paver 1,2,3 or 4.
Replicated Aged Wood Pavers \$55.00



Paver 1



Paver 2



Paver 3



Paver 4



Modular Redwood Landscape Container

Made by the same incredible craftsman as our redwood boxes with the ancient redwood reclaimed in San Francisco, the container is inspired by the art of Penjing with the urban garden in mind. Penjing is an ancient Chinese art using small trees to create a miniature landscape, a living work of art offering a different view in each season. Designed with the long term care of the tree in mind the container is assembled with a peg system and can easily be disassembled when the tree requires root pruning and the soil needs replaced and reassembled to continue enjoying your trees for many years to come. This large modular container can be either 3' by 4' or expanded to 4'x 6' with a depth of 17" providing enough depth for a large tree and enough space for a multi-layered planting design. The container is well suited for a balcony or rooftop garden or any location where gardening space is limited. Please contact us for more information regarding the design of this piece.
3'x4' Modular Redwood Landscape Container \$700.00
6'x4' Modular Redwood Landscape Container \$1,000.00



Modular Redwood Landscape Container

New Containers

Mica Pots

I first saw these pots at a bonsai nursery in New England and was excited to find they are made in larger, deeper sizes suited for container gardening. Each of these containers has wonderful proportion and is the perfect size for a tabletop on the patio. Made primarily of mica with polyethylene and graphite, these containers are dense and provide a thermal effect that moderates temperatures to protect roots. The polyethylene provides durability; my friend in New England has had bonsai in these containers for over 10 years and graphite provides the stable color creating the appearance of a fine ceramic container without the expense or the breakage. These containers are a wonderful way to transition a young tree from a container to the garden or a larger container and enjoy them in the process.
Med.Oval Mica Pot 22"x15"x6" \$55.00
Sm.Oval Mica Pot 16"x11"x4" \$30.00

Sm.Rectangular Mica Pot-17"x12"x5" \$35.00
Med. Rectangular Mica Pot 21"x14"x6" \$55.00



Rectangular Mica Pot



Oval Mica Pot



Organic Bowl

Organic Bowl

We are always searching for new containers that are worthy of the maples. These handmade bowls are a beautiful addition to our collection of containers adding a new organic feel and a subtle range of natural colors, soft watery blue and rusty tones. The irregular edge provides an opportunity to display either a beautiful trunk line or a combination of companion plants. The Organic Bowls are made from molds with textures found in nature creating the look of aged stone. Made of an eco-friendly, cement based material with 60% recycled materials, more durable than cement at considerably less weight. Handcrafted, no two are exactly alike.
Organic bowl 26" \$200.00
Organic Bowl 12" \$50.00

Planter Bowl

Planter Bowls are just the right proportion and size for creating container gardens and they are beautiful! Their low, wide form is perfect for the shallow fibrous root system of the maples making access to the roots easy for root pruning while providing ample soil and a generous area for companion plants. I love working with the trees in these containers because both are long lived giving us the opportunity to age and mature together. Made of spun polyethylene, unaffected by extremes in temperature and virtually indestructible, with the appearance of stone at less than 25% of the weight, these polyethylene containers allow you to consider the needs of the trees without the deterioration of the container being an issue.

37in Planter Bowl Dark Monzonite \$225.00
37 In Planter Bowl Charcoal Granite \$225.00
24 In Planter Bowl Charcoal Granite \$125.00
24 in. Planter Bowl Dark Monzonite \$125.00



Planter Bowl

Redwood Boxes

An incredible craftsman and collector of reclaimed wood has created these beautiful clear heart redwood boxes and troughs with the detail and design you would normally see in furniture making. The quality of the redwood will never be found again. Some of the raw materials were collected from structures in San Francisco originating in the 1880s. Because of the quality of the wood and fine craftsmanship these boxes are excellent containers for the maples. I have had them on my deck for more than 10 years, and through several root prunings. They have held up nicely and are exquisitely beautiful.
36x24x12 Redwood Box. \$350.00
24x18x8 Redwood Box \$250.00



Redwood Box

Containers &
Garden Ornaments

We are always searching for new containers that are worthy of the maples and ornaments for the garden that are attractive and interesting though not distracting from our focus, the trees!

Companion Plants

We are offering a few very choice companion plants, our favorites, as well as a couple of trees that caught our attention as especially well suited to the small garden or container.



Azaleas
All azaleas need part shade and acid soil and are Zones 7-9

1 Azalea 'Chinzan'
A Satsuki azalea with very small leaves and simple 1" deep pink flowers that bloom later in the season. Dense and small, ideal for bonsai or containers. Medium Azalea 'Chinzan' \$12.00

2 Azalea 'Gion Komachi'
Orchid pink flowers fade to a white center. Light green leaves that are rounded and cupped create a delicate appearance. Small and slow growing. Blooms mid season. Medium Azalea 'Gion komachi' \$12.00

3 Azalea 'Kokinsai'
A tiny sport of 'Kinsai'. A Satsuki azalea with thin, fine foliage and single one half inch salmon red flowers that bloom mid to late season. Perfect proportion, often used for bonsai. Medium Azalea 'Kokinsai' \$12.00

4 Azalea 'Rukizon'
Tiny, heart-shaped, shiny, dark green leaves. Very slow growing to a dense mound. Later in the season it displays single, 1" inch salmon orange flowers for a stunning contrast. Large Azalea 'Rukizon' (Kazan) \$25.00

Conifers

All conifers need partial shade and excellent drainage and are Zones 5-9

1 Cham. ob. 'Golden Sprite'
Landscape Ht: 1' Container Ht: 1'

A completely compact, dark green bun, with golden tips. Extremely small, growing 1" or less per year. Beautiful as a compliment to a dwarf tree in the winter and maintains proportion. Size 1 Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Golden Sprite' \$18.00

2 Cham. ob. 'Hage'

Landscape Ht: 1' Container Ht: 1'

Perfectly round, compact layers of ruffled fans. Bright green. Very slow growing, 1" per year. Excellent in containers. Easy to grow.

Size 1 Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Hage' \$18.00

3 Cham. ob. 'Nana Lutea'

Landscape Ht: 3' Container Ht: 3'

Bright yellow new growth is sometimes white, turning a lime green with more shade. Upright, broad at the base with irregular form. Slow growing, perhaps 4" per year.

Size 1 Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Nana Lutea' \$18.00



4 Cham. ob. 'South Shore'

Landscape Ht: 1' Container Ht: 1'

Almost twice as wide as tall, growing no more than 1" per year, though compact there is space between the fans creating a soft, wide mound. Dark green, a beautiful contrast in the winter with the smallest of trees.

Size 1 Chamaecyparis obtusa 'South Shore' \$18.00

Perennials

All perennials are Zones 5-9

1 Hermerocallis 'Little Bird'- Miniature Day Lily

A cheery clear yellow miniature daylily with growing to about 24" and blooms to 30" at 3" across. Excellent for a larger container garden with more sun. Med. Hermerocallis 'Little Bird' \$12.00

2 Ophiopogon 'Chingii'

A wild mass of thin curly foliage with neon blue berries in summer. Very small to 6", and slow, though not difficult to grow. A native of Japan. Provides an interesting texture in an underplanting. Med. Ophiopogon 'Chingii' \$12.00

3 Ophiopogon Gyoko Ryu

A thick mound of 1" blades, the very shortest of the Ophiopogon, creates a great compact form. Very slow growing, to perhaps 4".

Ophiopogon Gyoko Ryu \$12.00



4 Primula warshenewskiana

This delightful little primrose is so petite, maturing to about 2", perfect for the smallest container garden. Tiny pink flowers bloom early and again in summer and dark green leaves. Does best with regular moisture and part shade.

Med. Primula Warshenewskiana \$12.00



Bulbs

1 Iris cristata

Zones: 5 to 9

The first to emerge through the snow in my mother's garden heralding the emergence of the maples in due time. A dwarf woodland iris, easily naturalizing, ours are a soft powder blue growing to 6" with blue-green spiky foliage. Med. Iris cristata \$12.00

2 Ledebouria cooperi-Zebra's Quill

Zones: 7 to 10

A South African bulb that produces small purple flowers on a 3 inch stem in early spring that resemble miniature Scilla or Allium blossoms. The fleshy

strap-like leaves are a dark green with beautiful, dark purple stripes.

Ledebouria cooperi-Zebra's Quill \$6.00

3 Rhodohypoxis milloides 'Tetra Pink Star Grass'

Zones: 6 to 9

Tiny deep neon pink stars cover the dark green strap-like 4" foliage in early to late spring. Spreads to form a carpet.

Rhodohypoxis milloides 'Tetra Pink Star Grass' \$6.00



Other Trees for Containers

1 Poncirus trifoliata contorta 'Flying Dragon'

Landscape Ht: 6' Container Ht: 3' Zones: 6 to 9

A tree full of character and intrigue. A twisting, contorted dwarf deciduous orange with semi-circle thorns. The fragrant blossoms become a yellow fuzzy ornamental fruit. It makes a beautiful and interesting Bonsai or container tree. Size 3 Flowering Orange Poncirus trifoliata contorta 'Flying Dragon' \$80.00

2 Punica granatum 'Nana Emperor'

3' landscape, 2' container, zones 5-9

A dwarf flowering Pomegranate. Bright red-orange buds appear followed by single to double salmon blossoms that cover the tree. As flowers fade, miniature pomegranates develop. Very small dark green leaves, Profuse branching. Grown for container or Bonsai

Size 1 Flowering Pomegranate Punica granatum 'Nana Emperor' \$30.00

Size 2 Flowering Pomegranate Punica granatum 'Nana Emperor' \$60.00

How We Ship

Shipping plants is all about timing. It is a challenge to coordinate the growth cycles of the trees with the climate where they are grown and the climate where they are being shipped.

Fall shipping begins in mid-September, after the heat of summer has passed. A minimum of 6 weeks frost free weather where the tree is being shipped is needed to establish the roots for fall planting. We recommend fall shipment for milder climates to take advantage of root growth prior to dormancy. All of California, the coastal Northwest, the Southwest (except high mountain areas) and the Southeastern United States do best with fall shipment.

Shipments begin in February to the Southern States, the hottest areas of the country. This allows the trees to emerge from dormancy on schedule and benefit from spring root growth prior to the stress of summer heat. The colder Northern climates begin receiving trees after the last frost date to avoid damage from early emergence.

Plants are pulled from regular inventory as they are purchased and flagged "sold" with your name and ship date so you receive the best selection regardless of your ship date. On the Friday prior to your ship date we begin preparation for shipment with watering and inspection. On Sunday the trees are depotted, excess soil is removed from the roots and the rootball is enclosed in a plastic bag with moist peat moss to provide water during travel time. Plants are shipped on Monday and Tuesday to ensure arrival prior to the weekend. We use both USPS Priority Mail and UPS ground to California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington and either USPS Priority or UPS 3-Day Select service to all other states. These services provide arrival within 3 days and allow us to track the packages. **Because the sizes vary, predetermining shipping charges on older and specimen trees is not possible. You will be charged for handling when the order is placed and the actual cost of shipping will be charged to your credit card after shipment. We will email a separate receipt for this charge.**

These shipping schedules and methods have been developed from the experience of several generations of mail order garden nurseries and our knowledge of the growth habits of the trees. We do recognize there are unique microclimates and some gardeners have greenhouses to provide protection and spring sometimes comes early (or late!). Please call or email us for special ship date requests. We need to hear from you before or by the Friday prior to your ship date to change shipping arrangements. We are happy to accommodate you.

Plants should be delivered to a location out of the sun. Please open your box as soon as possible and let us know if there are any problems with your order. We seldom have damage during shipment or errors during fulfillment however if there is a problem we want to resolve it right away. Trees can be held in a cool dark place for up to 3 days after arrival until planting. We will include planting directions with your tree or you can download a copy from our website to prepare before arrival.

Hardgoods will be shipped on the Wednesday following your order or with your plant order.

Shipping charges are determined by the original retail price prior to any discounts or sales. Please call for shipments outside of the Continental United States.

CA, OR, NV, WA		Other Continental United States	
Merchandise total	3-day	Merchandise total	3-day
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\$20.01-\$60.00	\$15	\$20.01-\$60.00	\$20
\$60.01-\$100.00	\$20	\$60.01-\$100.00	\$30
\$100.01-\$160.00	\$25	\$100.01-\$160.00	\$40
\$160.01-\$200.00	\$30	\$160.01-\$200.00	\$45
\$200.01-\$300.00	\$35	\$200.01-\$300.00	\$50
\$300.01-\$400.00	\$40	\$300.01-\$400.00	\$60
\$400.01 and up	15%	\$400.01 and up	18%

How to Order

By Phone: tollfree 888-489-1886 Our knowledgeable staff is on the phone Monday through Friday 9-5pm PST

We always enjoy hearing from you. We care about the trees and are committed to your success. We are happy to discuss individual trees in the inventory regarding structure and size to ensure you receive the perfect tree for your location and application. Each call is answered personally; we don't have a machine to put you on hold. If you get our answering service during these hours we are on the line assisting another customer and will call you back promptly. If there is a specific time you would like us to return the call, please let us know. We never share phone numbers.

Online: www.essenceofthetree.com Our website is extensive will hundreds of beautiful photographs, informative articles and search tools to help you find the perfect tree for your application. You can order online with confidence. The secure server will protect all of your credit card and private information. We carefully check each order placed online to and will call you if there are any questions.

Email: contactus@essenceofthetree.com Email will be answered within 48 hours except at the busiest times of the year. We are often asked to identify trees and help with diagnosis and treatment of problems. Please include as much information as possible so we can best assist you.

Mail: Essence of the Tree, PO box 323, Potter Valley, CA. 95469-0323 We are primarily a mail order nursery in a small rural town. Visitors are welcome by appointment. There are many trees to large to ship available only at the nursery. If you would like to visit the nursery, please contact us to schedule an appointment. We will send you directions and set aside the time to show you the trees.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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