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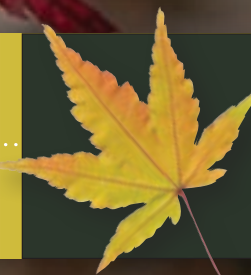
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Welcome to Essence of the Tree

Dear Friends and Fellow Gardeners,

I AM SO HAPPY TO BE WRITING YOU THIS LETTER! This was a dark December however, light prevails and the sun has come back bringing all of the promise of spring. We have been focusing on the trees and they have certainly responded. By limiting the expansion of the inventory the trees have more space and are maturing into beautiful unique individuals. By selecting trees from each group specifically for growing in containers and pruning for the development of lower branches we achieve an overall smaller proportion, the perfect tree.

We have recently been taking the show on the road to provide seminars and workshops to select nurseries. Meeting all of you and sharing our passion for the trees has been revitalizing. We bring a selection of the most choice trees and container gardens with us for the workshop. Call us if you have a local nursery to suggest.

We pride ourselves on providing the most rare and choice cultivars as well as the most beautiful individual

trees. Here are a few that have pulled at my heartstrings. Be sure to notice Mr. Sun in the new introductions, a unique and delightful new shirasawanum, great for colder climates. The Jade Gate have matured into beautiful young trees, they took my breath

away this fall. Don't miss Burgundy Jewel, it shows off in the summer sun with deep iridescent purple. And the surprising A.p. Geisha Gone Wild, all that wonderful pink color in a strong consistent tree.

We have the new rock ropes available with an incredible variety of polished stones with colors ranging from the softest pink quartz to the deep blue lapis lazuli. The detail of the copper wire work is as interesting and long lasting. These ropes will compliment a tree in a container or the landscape.

We love to hear from you. Please call us if you have any questions.

Enjoy your Trees,



A tree uses what comes its way to nurture itself. By sinking its roots deeply into the earth, by accepting the rain that flows towards it, by reaching out to the sun, the tree perfects its character and becomes great.....Absorb, absorb, absorb. That is the secret of the tree.

Deng Ming-Dao from 'Everyday Tao'

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.

About our Maples

Our Maples are grown to express the essence of the tree. With timely pruning, staking and fertilization to promote healthy roots and slow consistent growth the trees mature into perfect individual specimen.

We are currently offering three different methods of propagation:

Maples propagated by grafting are generally considered the best for use in the landscape as they develop a stronger root system more quickly and are larger at a younger age.

Rooted cuttings are highly sought for bonsai and container gardening where the presence of a graft line may be undesirable.

Seedlings are either of species or from cultivars. Although a cultivar will express the specific characteristics of the parent plant by either grafting or rooted cutting, a seedling from a cultivar is always a surprise, a unique individual. This the method by which most new cultivars are discovered.



Jade Gate

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)

Group	Age	Container	Size
Size 1	2-3 years old	1 gallon	1'x.5'x.25" to 2'x 2' x .35"
Size 2	3-4 years old	3 gallon	2' x 1'x.35"to 3'x 2.5'x .5"
Size 3	4-5 years old	5 gallon	2.5'x 2'x .5" to 5'x3' x.75"
Size 4	5-6 years old	7 gallon	3'x 2.5'x .75" to 6'x5'x 1"



A.p. Amagi Shigure

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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*See Our Special Collections
for 20% off:*

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Quantity Discounts

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Exceptional New Introductions and Rare Finds



Amagi shigure

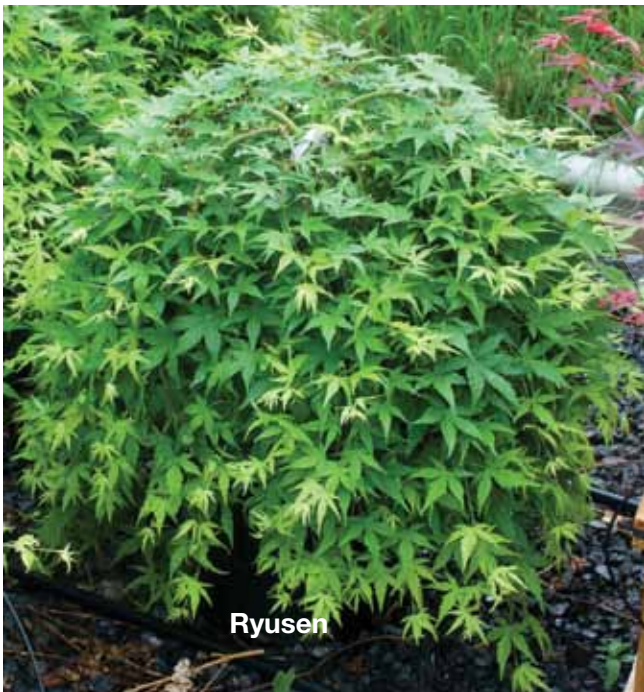
Acer palmatum Ryusen

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 3 Ryusen \$130.00

Size 4 Ryusen \$160.00



Ryusen

Acer palmatum Amagi shigure

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

New from Japan. Spring is a startling hot pink, changing to deep magenta for the summer slowly developing a defined variegation at the vein. Holds color all through the summer changing to orange and red in the fall. Slow growing wide spreading form. Needs protection in hotter climates.

Size 1 Amagi shigure \$70.00

Size 2 Amagi shigure \$100.00



Geisha Gone Wild

Acer palmatum Geisha Gone Wild

Landscape Ht: 12 Container Ht: 4 Zones: 6 to 9

As flashy as her sister, Geisha, but stronger and faster growing. Outrageous magenta pink and pale pink in spring changing to pink and cream for the summer. Fall is purple orange. Much easier to grow than Geisha with consistent slow growth. An upright dense growth habit make this tree perfect for containers or the small garden.

Size 1 Geisha Gone Wild \$70.00

Size 2 Geisha Gone Wild \$100.00

New & Rare

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

Exclusive of other discounts or specials

Hot Climate Collection

Size 3- A.p. Akita Yatsubusa (p.20), A.p. Ryusen, and Cynthia's Crown Jewel (p.7) All 3 for \$288

Exceptional New Introductions and Rare Finds

Acer palmatum Shojo no mai

Landscape Ht: 10 Container Ht: 6 Zones: 6 to 9

A lovely playful new introduction from Japan with pink edged leaves holding the color into the summer before turning to cream and pale green. Slower growing and smaller overall than than Beni Shichihenge with no apparent reversions! All of the texture and color we love in a delightful small tree.

Size 1 Shojo no mai \$70.00

Size 2 Shojo no mai \$100.00



Shojo no mai

Acer palmatum Manyo no sato

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

Outragous! A startling chartreuse and maroon variegated tree, an exceptional new introduction with a color combination I've never seen before in the maples. Easy to grow with good sun tolerance. A slow growing dense upright form. Excellent for small gardens and containers.

Size 1 Manyo no sato \$70.00

Size 2 Manyo no sato \$100.00



Manyo no sato

Acer palmatum Jade Gate

Landscape Ht: 8 Container Ht: 6 Zones: 5 to 9

The classic amoenum Japanese maple in an overall smaller size. My mother discovered this tree as a seedling and began propagating it with bonsai in mind. The delightfully small star shaped leaves unfold like a fan in spring to a cool green. Altogether smaller with the classic wide, open layered form we think of when we think Japanese Maples. Consistent fall color. Easy to grow. Excellent cold tolerance. Needs protection from afternoon sun in hotter climates.

Size 4 Jade Gate \$160.00



Jade Gate

Acer shirasawanum Mr. Sun

Landscape Ht: 10 Container 6 Zones: 6 to 9

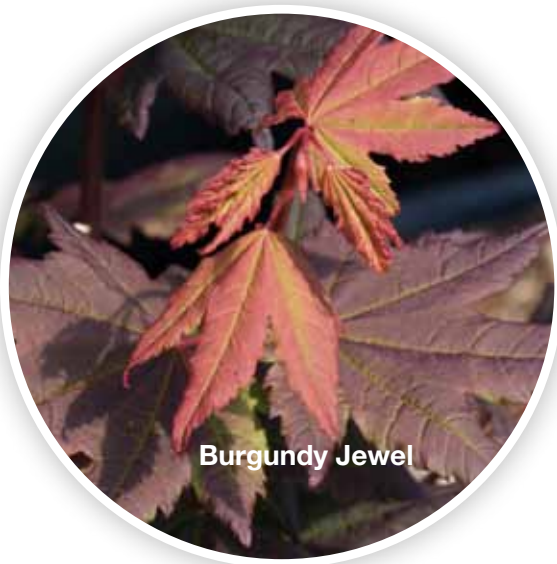
A happy new Acer shirasawanum cross with sharply pointed lobes that curl slightly under. Pale green on emergence changing to a medium green though the summer and golden yellow for the fall. The overall effect is light and happy. Discovered by Talon Buchholz and named for its resemblance to a child's drawing of the sun, upright in form with a medium growth rate, excellent cold tolerance.

Size 2 A. s. Mr. Sun \$100



Mr Sun

Exceptional New Introductions and Rare Finds



Burgundy Jewel

Acer circinatum Burgundy Jewel

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

There is a luminous, almost florescent quality to the color of the Acer circinatum cultivars and this is the best yet. Bright orange with a yellow vein and red stems in spring quickly changing to dark red, almost black with full sun through the summer. An upright growing tree with big orbicular leaves that curl under slightly at the lobes. I'm very pleased with the vigor of this tree, growing beautifully in the hottest and coldest conditions. Best color is achieved with protection from afternoon sun. I would love to see A.c. Burgandy Jewel planted with A.c. Sunglow for a stunning spring display of color.

Size 1 A.c. Burgandy Jewel \$50.00

Size 3 A.c. Burgandy Jewel \$120.00

Size 4 A.c. Burgandy Jewel \$150.00

Acer palmatum Johnnie's Pink

Landscape Ht: 8 Container Ht: 5 Zones: 6 to 9

Harold Johnson from Alabama named this tree after his wife, Johnnie. I love this tree. One of the spring color types with soft pink spring emergence. Slowly leaf changes to an orange/brown color, unique in the maples. The leaves are small palmate, branching is fine, somewhat dense. Though vigorous in youth this tree is quite small in maturity.

Size 3 Johnnie's Pink \$130.00

Size 4 Johnnies Pink \$160.00



Johnnie's Pink



Geisha

Acer palmatum 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 2 Geisha \$90.00

Exclusive of other discounts or specials

Hot Climate Collection

Size 3- A.p. Akita Yatsubusa (p.20), A.p. Ryusen (p.4),
and Cynthia's Crown Jewel (p.7) All 3 for \$288



Exceptional New Introductions and Rare Finds

Acer palmatum Cynthia's Crown Jewel

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

Very small, compact, slow growing with leaves similar to 'Sharps Pygmy', sharply pointed lobes and serrated edges, but smaller providing a soft texture. A compact pillow of pale yellow and pink in spring quickly changing to orange and then green for summer. We are enchanted with this tree for small gardens and containers. Slow growing, good heat tolerance, easy to grow. Size 3 Cynthia's Crown Jewel \$130.00



Cynthia's Crown Jewel



Cynthia's Crown Jewel



Hana matoi

Acer palmatum Hana matoi

Landscape Ht: 4 Container Ht: 2 Zones: 6 to 9

Exciting new variegated dissectum, hot pink and pale pink in spring with stripes in the bark. A great improvement over Toyama nishiki with consistent variegation and very few reversions. Extremely finely dissected leaves and very pendulous. Protect from extreme heat and wind.

Size 1 Hana matoi \$70.00

Size 2 Hana matoi \$100.00



Kogane sakae

Acer palmatum Kogane sakae

Landscape Ht: 10 Container Ht: 5 Zones: 5 to 9

The name meaning 'Golden Prosperity', an amoenum leaf maple with outstanding golden yellow strips in the bark. The lovely 7 lobed amoenum leaves have a curl at the tips. Not at all difficult to grow with an upright, wide spreading form. Consistent orange yellow fall color. Excellent cold tolerance though needs protection from afternoon sun in hotter climates.

Size 3 Kogane Sakae \$130.00



Kogane sakae

Japanese Maples for Brilliant Spring Color



Sunglow

Acer circinatum Sunglow

Landscape Ht: 10' Container Ht: 5' 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 3 AC Sunglow \$120.00

Size 4 AC Sunglow \$150.00

Acer palmatum Corallinum

Landscape Ht: 4' Container Ht: 3' Zones: 6 to 9

Known for the coral pink spring emergence, I love this delicate little tree for its overall diminutive appearance.

Small leaves, delicate branches and open form provide a perfect tree for bonsai and containers.

Size 2 Corallinum \$80.00



Corallinum

Acer shirasawanum Aureum

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

Chartreuse orbicular leaves in spring are luminous as the sun goes through them, this tree is desired by everyone who sees it. The leaves remain a very pale green in the summer and change to red and yellow for the fall. Upright in form, very slow growing. A cultivar of the Chinese species Acer shirasawanum, best suited to cooler climates.

Size 2 AS Aureum \$90.00

Size 3 AS Aureum \$130.00



Beni mako

Spring Color

Known as the Flower Maples by the Japanese, this group of maples will rival any flower in the garden for spring color. These trees are an excellent choice in warmer climates where fall color can be inconsistent.



Aureum

Acer palmatum Beni maiko

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

The smallest of the spring color types, Beni Maiko means 'red dancing girl' in Japanese. Bright shiny red leaves in spring slowly change to brick red and green as summer progress becoming red, orange and yellow in the fall. Small leaves, fine delicate structure in an upright form. Lovely for a small garden, bonsai or container. Vigorously growing in youth, a very heat tolerant cultivar.

Size 2 Beni maiko \$70.00

Size 3 Beni maiko \$110.00

Acer palmatum Ueno homare

Landscape Ht: 10' Container Ht: 6' Zones: 6 to 9

Outstanding orange yellow color in early spring on a compact upright tree. Summer is light yellow green changing to bright red orange for fall. A excellent alternative to 'Katsura' when a smaller more compact tree is needed. Heat and sun tolerant, needs protection from late spring frosts. A delightful tree to grow, lights up in the garden or on the deck.

Size 3 Ueno homare \$120.00

Size 4 Ueno homare \$150.00



Ueno homare

Japanese Maples for Brilliant Spring Color



Moonrise

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 3 A.s Moonrise \$120.00

Size 4 A.s Moonrise \$150.00

Acer palmatum Tsuma beni

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

A very highly admired tree by anyone that sees it, the bright red tips on the whisper thin pale green leaves are stunning. Large leaves with long lobes that hang lax on the stem give the appearance of a relaxed hand with red fingernails. Very elegant small tree with low wide form, slow growing and not at all tolerant of very hot weather. Perfect as a container tree on your patio or deck.

Size 3 Tsuma beni \$120.00

Size 4 Tsuma beni \$160.00

Specimen Tsuma beni \$ 500.00

Acer palmatum Orange Dream

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

A creamy sherbet orange in the spring lasting for several weeks, by far one of the best new trees and the best orange spring color. Orange Dream emerges later in the spring than Katsura, the standard for orange spring color, making it more suitable for colder climates. A small upright tree, adding beauty to any garden, suited to all applications.

Size 4 Orange Dream \$150.00



Tsuma beni

Acer palmatum Shin deshojo

Landscape Ht: 8 Container Ht: 4 Zones: 6 to 9

The best of the red spring color types, 'Shin deshojo' emerges bright cherry red early in spring for a brilliant display of color. Leaves develop a brick red edge and slowly turn to a light green. New growth continues to push through June creating layers of color. My mother chose this tree as the centerpiece of her garden and mine is outside my kitchen window. Small leaves, fine branching, wonderful form, as wide as tall. Excellent heat tolerance, will grow in full sun, needs protection from late frosts.

Size 2 Shin deshojo \$80.00



Autumn Moon

Acer shirasawanum Autumn Moon

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

The lobes on the leaf of Autumn Moon are slightly longer than Aureum and the spring color is yellow slowly changing to pale green for summer and orange- red for fall. A lovely open form with plenty of space between internodes to show off individual branches and leaves.

Size 2 AS Autumn Moon \$80.00

Size 4 AS Autumn Moon \$150.00

Exclusive of other discounts or specials

Cold Climate Collection

Size 2- A.s. Aureum, Size 2 A.s. Autumn Moon, Size 3 A.s. Moonrise.

All 3 for \$224



Orange Dream



Shin deshojo

Ghost Series



Amber Ghost

Acer palmatum 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

Size 3 Amber Ghost \$130.00



First Ghost

Acer palmatum 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 2 First Ghost \$90.00

Size 3 First Ghost \$130.00

Acer palmatum 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 3 Uncle Ghost \$130.00



Uncle Ghost

Special Collections

Exclusive of other discounts or specials

Ghost Series

Size 3- Amber Ghost, Uncle Ghost, Grandma Ghost. All 3 for \$288

Acer palmatum 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 4 Grandma Ghost \$150.00

Ghost Series

Acer palmatum 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 3 Purple Ghost \$120.00

Size 3 Purple Ghost \$150.00



Purple Ghost

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.

Acer palmatum 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 3 AP Sister Ghost \$130.00



Grandma Ghost



Sister Ghost

Rich Red Maples for Summer Color



Beni hoshi / Ruby Stars

Acer palmatum Beni hoshi-Ruby Stars

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. Open habit and somewhat angular structure and green bark. Slow growing, though not difficult, a wonderful tree for a small garden or container.

Size 3 Beni Hoshi \$120.00

Size 4 Beni hoshi \$150.00

Acer palmatum 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 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 4 Red Rugose \$160.00

Size 3 Red Rugose \$130.00

Specimen Red Rugose \$300.00



Fireglow



Fireglow

Acer palmatum Fireglow

Landscape Ht: 10 Container Ht: 6 Zones: 5 to 9

When the sun comes through the leaves of this tree the effect is a breathtaking luminous red. The best small red tree.

Very sun and heat tolerant. Developed in Alabama by Harold Johnson, grows in full sun in the hot, humid south.

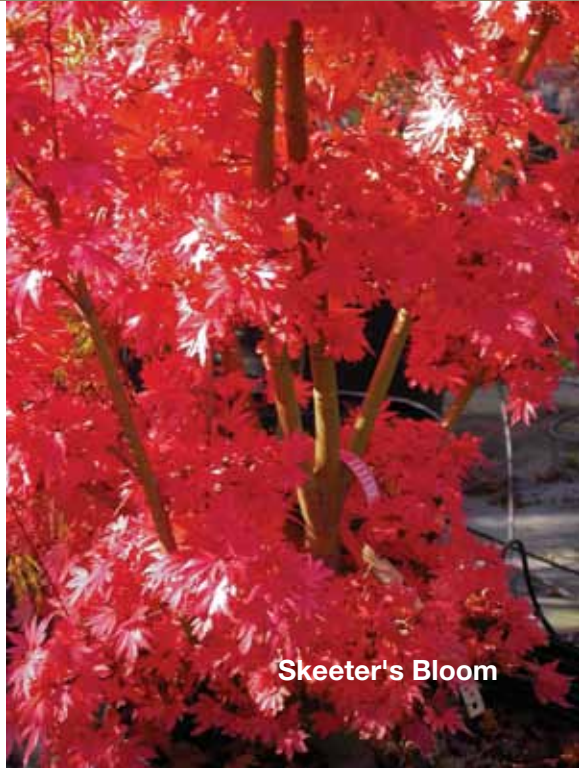
Size 2 Fireglow \$80.00

Size 4 Fireglow \$150.00



Red Rugose

Rich Red Maples for Summer Color



Skeeter's Bloom

Acer palmatum Skeeters Broom

Landscape Ht: 9 Container Ht: 6 Zones: 5 to 9
A witches broom with typical dense twiggy growth but, somewhat upright form. Small leaves with bright red spring color, dark red summer and pure red again in fall. Stronger and easier to grow than some of the witches brooms. Great color and an unusual form.
Size 4 Skeeter's Broom
\$150.00

Acer palmatum 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 and 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 3 Muro gawa \$120.00
Size 4 Muro gawa \$150.00



Muro gawa



Acer palmatum Yasemin

Landscape Ht: 10 Container Ht: 8 Zones: 5 to 9

Bright red deeply divided leaves emerge in spring changing to deep red in summer with an abundance of translucent red seeds that are held above the leaf, typical of acer shirasuwanum, then scarlet in the fall. The structure is a smooth curving upward growth. A somewhat fast growing tree an excellent choice for colder climates.
Size 4 Yasemine \$150.00



Trompenburg

Acer palmatum Trompenburg

Landscape Ht: 9 Container Ht: 4 Zones: 5 to 9
A lovely small red tree with unusual cupped leaves that hang lax from the stem. The wide open form shows the detail of each individual leaf hanging from the branches. Petite and graceful, this tree needs protection from extreme heat and doesn't tolerate hard water well.
Size 4 Trompenburg \$150.00



Yasemin

Rich Red Maples for Summer Color



Adrian's Compact

Acer palmatum 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 3 Adrian's Compact \$120.00

Size 4 Adrian's Compact \$150.00

Acer palmatum O kagami

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

Big dark red leaf emerges in spring changes to almost black purple in summer and scarlet in the fall. The name means 'Large Mirror' referring to the reflective qualities of the large dark leaf. Vigorously growing in youth, though not a large tree in maturity. Excellent cold tolerance. A bold statement in the garden.

Size 4 O kagami \$150.00

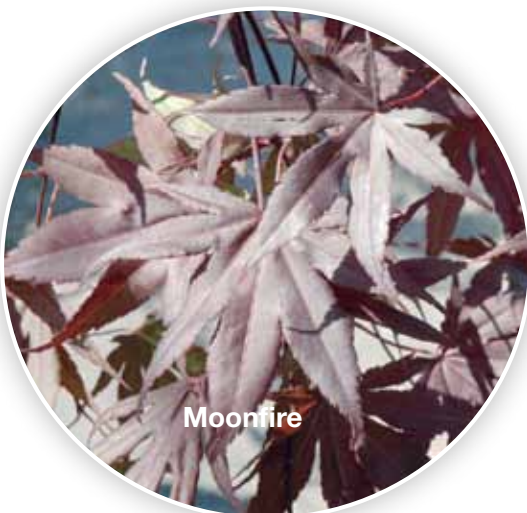
Size 3 O Kagami \$120.00

Summer Color

Shades of red throughout the seasons, from bright cherry red in spring to deep chocolate red summer and scarlet in the fall, these trees bring dramatic impact to the garden year round.



O kagami



Moonfire

Acer palmatum Moonfire

Landscape Ht: 15 Container Ht: 8 Zones: 5 to 9

Very dark red, almost black in summer with an opalescence on the leaves. The bark is also black with branches curving and twisting upward creating a beautiful somewhat haunting structure.

Size 4 Moonfire \$150.00



Rich Red Maples for Summer Color



Iijima sunago

Acer palmanum Iijima sunago

Landscape Ht: 10 Container Ht: 6 Zones: 5 to 9

One of the trees in the group I call the chocolate trees. Large leaves emerge rosy mauve in spring changing to a milk chocolate tone with speckled variegation and a green vein for summer. Fall is outstanding two toned orange red. Slow growing, getting quite large in great age. Upright form. Protect from hot sun.

Size 3 Iijima sunago \$120.00

Size 4 Iijima sunago \$150.00



Tsukushigata

Acer palmatum Tsukushigata

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

Tsukushigata is in a redwood box on my deck and I daily appreciate the lovely open form with fine pale green branches. Spring is a stunning red changing to the rich-red brown summer color, we refer to this tree as one of the chocolate trees because the color is so lush. As summer progresses the vein in the leaf changes to green for a contrast to the brown, then bright red fall. Slow growing, best with some shade, a personal favorite of mine

Size 4 Tsukushi gata \$150.00

Tsukushi gata \$250.00

Acer palmanum 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, 7-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 4 Umegae \$150.00



Umegae

Dramatic Fall Color and Winter Bark Interest

Acer japonicum Maiku jaku also known as Aconitifolium

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

Named "Dancing Peacock", the large, dissected leaves have wonderful movement in the wind. The wide, upright form and show stopping orange and red fall color make this tree an excellent choice for either a larger container or a focal point in the garden. Also known as Aconitifolium.

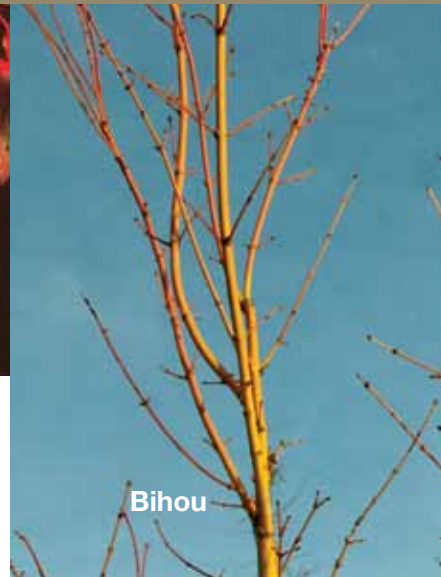
Size 2 A.j. Maiku jaku \$80.00

Size 3 A.j. Maiku jaku \$120.00

Size 4 A.j. Maiku jaku \$150.00



Maiku jaku



Bihou



Vitifolium

Acer palmatum 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 3 Bihou \$130.00

Size 4 Bihou \$160.00

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 4 A.j. Vitifolium \$150.00

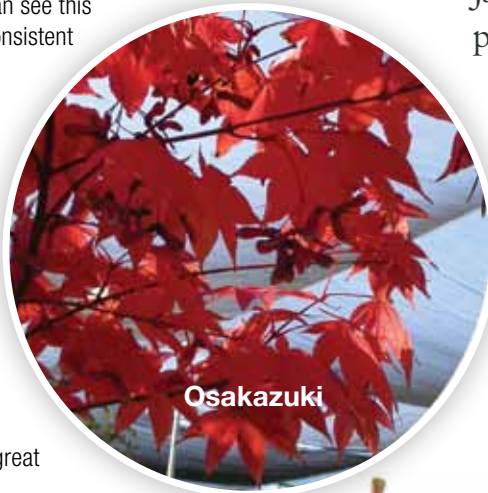
Acer palmatum Osakazuki

Landscape Ht: 18 Container Ht: 8 Zones: 5 to 9

The very best red fall color of all the Japanese Maples. Part of a classic Japanese planting, Osakazuki is the tall red fall color where Ichigiyogi is the medium yellow and Hogyoku the small orange. Though similar in color through the summer the fall is quite a surprise. Osakazuki is a big, fast growing tree, a great asset to a larger landscape.

Size 2 Osakazuki \$80.00

Size 3 Osakazuki \$120.00



Osakazuki



Acer japonicum Green Cascade

Landscape Ht: 8 Container Ht: 6 Zones: 5 to 9

A delicately cut lace leaf for colder climates with extraordinary fall color and a beautiful cascading form. Easy to grow, somewhat vigorous, with good sun tolerance in milder climates.

Size 2 A.j. Green Cascade \$80.00



Green Cascade

Exclusive of other discounts or specials **Fall Color Collection**

Size 2- A.j. Maiku Jaku, A.j. Green Cascade, A.p. Osakazuki.

All 3 for \$192

Fall Color
Perhaps the feature they are best known for, Japanese Maples provide an incredibly diverse palette of long lasting color in the fall.

Dramatic Fall Color and Winter Bark Interest



Ever Autumn

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 Acer Palmatum, 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 2 AC Pacific Fire \$90.00



Pacific Fire

Acer palmatum Ever Autumn

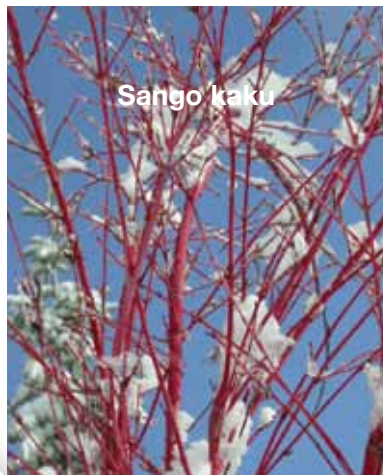
Landscape Ht: 12 Container Ht: 7 Zones: 6 to 9

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 color lasting for weeks.

A vigorous, easy tree to grow.

Size 4 Ever Autumn \$150.00

Specimen Ever Autumn \$300.00



Sango kaku

Acer palmatum Sango kaku

Landscape Ht: 18 Container Ht: 8 Zones: 6 to 9

Known as the coral bark maple, the red bark is a wonderful silhouette against the snow or a grey winter landscape. Spring leaves emerge pale green, a great contrast to the bark. Fall is a clear yellow. Very fast growing and upright, this tree is disposed to disease from spring frost damage and is best grown in warmer climates. For bright red bark and green leaves in colder climates consider Acer circinatum 'Pacific Fire'.

Size 3 Sango kaku \$120.00

Size 4 Sango kaku \$150.00



Korean Gem

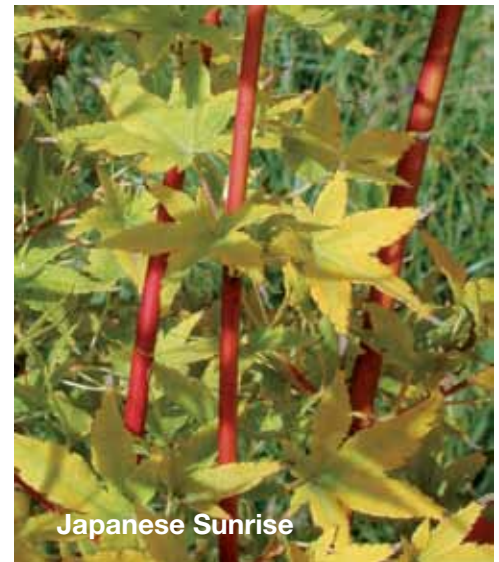
Acer palmatum Korean Gem

Landscape Ht: 15 Container Ht: 10 Zones: 5 to 9

The winter silhouette of Korean Gem is stunning with the dark red, almost black bark against the snow. An outstanding tree for red fall color, the large Amoenum leaves are light green in summer with bright red seeds through June. Upright, large and vigorously growing.

Size 4 Korean Gem \$150.00

Specimen Korean Gem \$300.00



Japanese Sunrise

Acer palmatum Japanese Sunrise

Landscape Ht: 12 Container Ht: 6 Zones: 6 to 9

The transitions of color in the bark of this tree as the winter progresses are like nothing I've seen on any other tree. As soon as the temperatures begin to drop the bark begins to change color to yellow at the trunk, the colder it gets the further up through the branching the color moves from pale yellow through orange to intense red at the tips. Lovely upright open form. Easy to grow.

Size 3 Japanese Sunrise \$120.00

Size 4 Japanese Sunrise \$150.00

Bark Interest

We see the bones of the garden in the winter landscape. I find the winter silhouette of these trees elegant and their color a welcome surprise during the grey days of winter.

Linearlobum for Textural Interest



Villa Taranto

Acer palmatum Villa Taranto

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

Named after the famous garden in Italy this tree emerges a subtle pink that changes to the rusty orange tones of the Mediterranean. Smaller and more compact than other linearlobum. One of my personal favorites. Size 2 Villa Taranto \$90



Beni ubi gohon

Acer palmatum 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 consistant grower, wonderful for bonsai and container. Size 3 Beni ubi gohon \$130.00



Red Pygmy

Acer palmatum 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 suprising change to yellow in the fall. Very slow and somewhat difficult to grow, forming an upright, small compact bush.

Size 2 Red Pygmy \$80.00

Size 3 Red Pygmy \$120.00

Size 4 Red Pygmy \$150.00



Enkan

Acer palmatum 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 Enkan is an excellent tree for bonsai and containers providing an intense splash of red with textural interest as well.

Size 3 Enkan \$120.00

Size 4 Enkan \$150.00

Acer palmatum. Koto no ito

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

Koto no ito means 'Harp Strings' referring to the very fine linearlobum leaves. Spring foliage is pale green changing to medium green in summer then golden yellow in the fall. The mature leaves have extremely thin and long lobes that sometimes spiral, however wider lobes are common during vigorous growth in youth.

Koto no ito is an upright tree, dense with a soft appearance. It is easy to grow and quite heat tolerant despite the finely textured leaves.

Size 2 Koto no ito

\$80.00

Size 3 Koto no ito

\$120.00

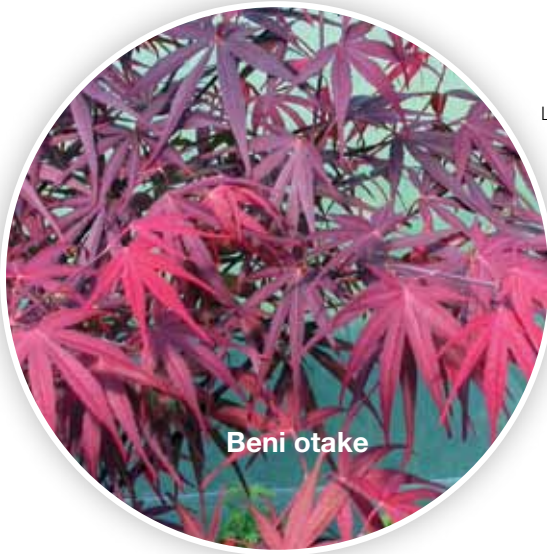
Size 4 Koto no ito

\$150.00



Koto no ito

Linearlobum for Textural Interest

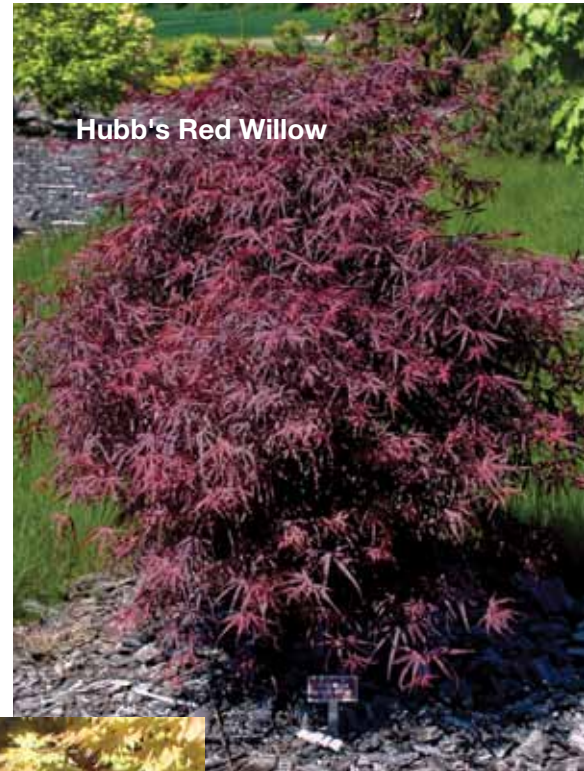


Beni otake

Acer palmatum Hubb's Red Willow

Landscape Ht: 8 Container Ht: 6 Zones: 6 to 9
Narrow linearlobum leaves emerge bright red in spring changing to deep red for summer, finishing with fiery orange-red in the fall. A compact upright form provides a soft texture with great impact from the intense color year round. Excellent for containers and the small garden. Easy to grow, protect from afternoon sun in hot climates.

Size 1 Hubb's Red Willow \$70.00
Size 2 Hubb's Red Willow \$100.00



Hubb's Red Willow

Acer palmatum Beni otake

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

The name means "Red Bamboo" and the appearance of this upright linearlobum maple is similar to bamboo. The strap like leaves are bright red in spring changing to deep red in the summer and scarlet in the fall. With black bark and an open wispy appearance, very interesting texture and color.

Size 2 Beni otake \$70.00
Specimen Beni Otake \$350

Acer palmatum 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 2 Fairy Hair \$130.00



Fairy Hair



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Linearlobum

Sometimes called the threadleaf maples, these trees are generally more upright in form. With thin, sometimes very fine lobes on the leaves, these trees are often compared to bamboo.

Dwarf Maples

Dwarfs

Dwarf maples are classified as trees that are mature at under 6'. Although most of these trees were developed for bonsai, these are wonderful trees for a small garden or container as well.



Shishio hime



Kamagata

Acer palmatum Kamagata

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

The name means 'Eagle's Claw' referring to the curved, sharply pointed lobes of the leaves which create a soft textural effect. Perfectly proportioned small upright tree form. Popping red fall color. Discovered by J.D. Vertrees. Highly desired for bonsai.

Size 4 Kamagata \$150.00

Acer palmatum Shishio hime

Landscape Ht: 3 Container Ht: 2 Zones: 6 to 9

The small leaves are a pale yellow green with a cherry red edge in spring, green in summer and yellow in the fall. Low and wide form, very dense branching. Excellent for container or bonsai.

Size 2 Shishio hime \$80.00

Size 3 Shishio hime \$120.00

Size 4 Shishio hime \$150.00



Hanami nishiki

Acer palmatum Hanami nishiki

Landscape Ht: 5 Container Ht: 3 Zones: 6 to 9

Tiny leaves, the size of your thumb, make this tree highly desirable for bonsai. 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

Size 3 Hanami nishiki \$120.00

Size 4 Hanami nishiki \$150.00



Shishigashira

Acer palmatum Shishigashira

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

A very structural tree with branches covered in curly leaves, hence the name 'Lions Mane'. The constrained upright form makes Shishigashira an excellent tree for structural interest where space is limited. Golden yellow fall color. Excellent heat tolerance.

Size 4 Shishigashira \$140.00



Tama hime

Acer palmatum Tama hime

Landscape Ht: 3

Container Ht: 2 Zones: 6 to 9

Very small leaves and short internodes make this tree a delight to use for bonsai or containers. Pale green leaves in spring change to medium green for summer and intense red in the fall. The small compact form allows the tree to fit in even the smallest garden. Though slow, easy to grow and excellent heat tolerance.

Size 3 Tama hime \$130.00

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Hot Climate Collection

Size 3- A.p. Akita Yatsubusa, A.p. Ryusen (p.4),
and Cynthia's Crown Jewel (p.7) All 3 for \$288

Dwarf Maples



Ojishi

Acer palmanum Ojishi

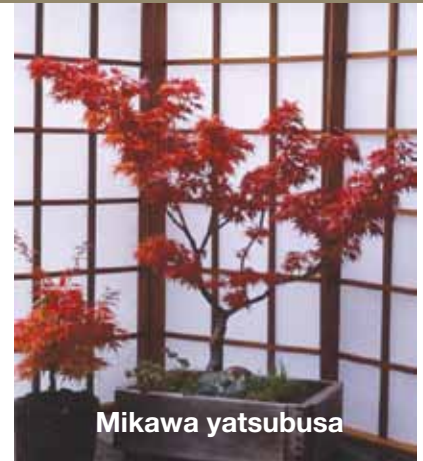
Landscape Ht: 3 Container Ht: 2 Zones: 6 to 9

A smaller, more compact version of 'Shishigashira', the leaves are less curled, though internodes are very close. Upright form with multiple stiff branches covered with leaves. The name means 'male lion'. In the fall with the golden-yellow leaves you can imagine the lion's mane. Very slow growing, excellent heat tolerance. Perfect for bonsai or rock gardens.

Size 2 Ojishi \$90.00

Size 3 Ojishi \$130.00

Size 4 Ojishi \$160.00



Mikawa yatsubusa

Acer palmatum 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 or in a container for continuous seasonal changes.

Size 4 Mikawa yatsubusa \$150.00

Size 2 Mikawa yatsubusa (Seedling) \$100.00



Akita yatsubusa

Acer palmatum Akita yatsubusa

Landscape Ht: 3 Container Ht: 2 Zones: 6 to 9

A wonderful addition to the dwarf group, even smaller than 'Sharp's Pygmy' with extremely short internodes. Has the appearance of a bonsai without any pruning. Spring emerges yellow then changes to yellow and green for summer. The name means 'unusual autumn dwarf', with bright orange and red fall color. Good heat tolerance. Excellent for bonsai, small containers or bonsai.

Size 3 Akita Yatsubusa \$120.00

Acer palmatum Murasaki kiyohime

Landscape Ht: 5 Container Ht: 3 Zones: 6 to 9

Spring emerges a pale green with a brick red edge. The classic yatsubusa type so frequently used in bonsai, very low and wide with no weeping, the branches grow horizontal to the ground. I've seen this tree, at 50+ years old, over 10' wide and no more than 4' tall! With a profusion of branches, this tree provides many opportunities for creating a beautiful bonsai or container tree.

Size 3 Murasaki kiyohime \$120.00

Size 4 Murasaki kiyohime \$150.00



Murasaki kiyohime



Sharp's Pygmy

Acer palmatum Sharp's Pygmy

Landscape Ht: 3 Container Ht: 2 Zones: 6 to 9

Frequently used for bonsai, the perfect proportion of this tree is very attractive in a container or the small garden. The small sharply leaves have a curve along the vein that add an interesting textural effect. Easy to grow, though very slow. Heat tolerant.

Size 3 Sharp's Pygmy \$120.00

Weeping and Cascading Laceleaf Maples

Weeping & Cascading Laceleaf

The dissectum 'lace' leaf maple is wonderful for soft textural interest and the curving form creates a beautiful structure. Every garden needs at least one.

Acer palmatum Orangeola

Landscape Ht: 6 Container Ht: 3 Zones: 5 to 9

Spring color is orange changing to red and then deep green. This tree is so vigorous the new growth is pushing the entire season creating three layers of color! Without staking or pruning Orangeola will quickly spread and become a wide dense mound of color. Staking and pruning produce intriguing structural interest.

Size 2 Orangeola \$80.00

Size 3 Orangeola \$120.00



Acer palmatum Ornatum

Landscape Ht: 6 Container Ht: 3 Zones: 5 to 9

A graceful, elegant weeping dissectum with rosy mauve spring color and a dusty red in summer. Slow growing, curving branches and small finely dissected leaves provide a beautiful focal point year round. Easy to grow, best with some shade.

Size 3 Ornatum \$120.00

Size 4 Ornatum \$150.00



Acer palmatum Filigree

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

The palest green of the dissectum with a dotted white variegation that follows the vein of the leaf. Thin lobes with fine serration on the edge create an overall airy, floating appearance. Very slow growing, needs protection from hot sun, low wide form.

Size 3 Filigree \$130.00

Size 4 Filigree \$160.00

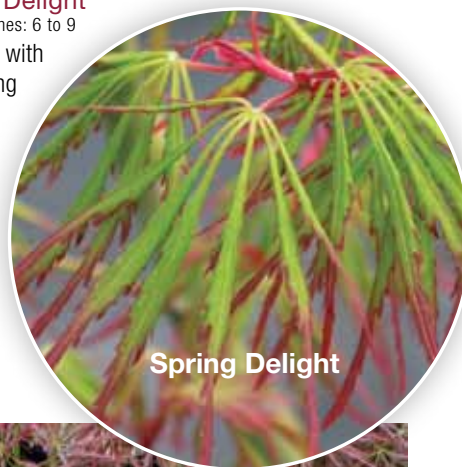
Acer palmatum Spring Delight

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

A vigorously growing dissectum with bright red on the tips of the long narrow leaves in the spring. Faster growing and wide spreading than most dissectum maples, this tree will quickly cover the ground with twisting, curving branches unless staked. Very good sun tolerance, an easy tree to grow.

Size 3 Spring Delight \$120.00

Size 4 Spring Delight \$150.00



Weeping and Cascading Laceleaf Maples



Beni kumo no sa

Acer palmatum Beni kumo no sa

Landscape Ht: 4 Container Ht: 2 Zones: 6 to 9

As finely dissected as 'Red Filigree Lace', 'Beni Kumo No Sa' has the delicate appearance of a spider's web. Spring is bright red (dusty rose in shade) 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 3 Beni kumo no sa \$120.00

Size 4 Beni kumo no sa \$150.00

Acer palmatum Midori no teiboku

Landscape Ht: 5 Container Ht: 3 Zones: 6 to 9

Soft pink and green on first emergence changing to a medium green for summer and orange with spots of red for fall. The dissectum leaves are sturdier than many lace leaf cultivars holding themselves up from the stem creating more depth and texture. Very low and wide in form. Somewhat slow growing though very easy and more heat tolerant than most dissectums.

Size 2 Midori no teiboku \$80.00

Size 3 Midori no teiboku \$120.00

Acer palmatum Tamukeyama

Landscape Ht: 6 Container Ht: 3 Zones: 5 to 9

My personal favorite of the red dissectum, a cultivar from Japan in production for many years. The name means 'Tribute to the Mountain'. Different shades of red each season, dark red bark for winter interest. Vigorous, a pleasure to grow.

Size 2 Tamukeyama \$80

Size 3 Tamukeyama \$120.00



Tamukeyama

Acer palmatum Seiryu

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

The small intricately incised leaves of this tree are a light, bright green in the summer, medium green in the summer and bright red in fall.

A vigorous, easy to grow tree, Seiryu is the only truly upright dissectum. Surprisingly heat and sun tolerant, I've seen this tree in full sun in a very hot climate.

Size 2 Seiryu \$75.00

Size 3 Seiryu \$120.00

Size 4 Seiryu \$140.00



Seiryu

Acer palmatum 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 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 2 Red Dragon \$80.00

Size 3 Red Dragon \$120.00

Size 2 Red Dragon - High Graft \$80.00



Midori no teiboku



Red Dragon

Wide Spreading with Deeply Divided Leaves



Ariadne

Acer palmatum Ariadne

Landscape Ht: 6 Container Ht: 4 Zones: 6 to 9
Ariadne is all about subtlety and grace. Variegated soft pastel pink and yellow and white tones in spring follow the vein of the leaf. Summer is a subtle green on green. The variegation reappears in fall changing to soft red and orange. Graceful wide spreading form with cascading branches, long lobes on the leaves hang lax and create movement. Slow growing but quite easy, best color with some shade. will burn in hotter climates.

Size 4 Ariadne \$150.00



Ki hachijo

Acer palmatum Ki hachijo

Landscape Ht: 12 Container Ht: 8 Zones: 6 to 9
It seems all of the features on this tree tie together nicely to create an extraordinary picture. The green bark with white striations on the elegant wide open form are lovely in winter. Celery green leaves emerge in spring slowly changing to pale green for summer and a rich golden yellow in the fall. The deeply divided leaves have movement in the least of wind.
Size 2 Ki hachijo \$70.00



Elegans

Acer palmatum Elegans

Landscape Ht: 15 Container Ht: 8 Zones: 6 to 9
Truly elegant soft salmon pink emergence changes to a medium green in summer and soft orange in the fall. With graceful long leaves and upright open form this tree is not as wide and pendulous as many from this group. Very suitable for the limited horizontal space of a deck or patio. A medium growth rate, needs protection from extreme heat.
Size 4 Elegans \$150.00

Wide Spreading

Maples with all of the movement of a willow and beautiful color and proportion for the small garden. Upright in habit but equally wide with pendulous branches that move with the wind.



Omure yama

Acer palmatum Omure yama

Landscape Ht: 10
Container Ht: 6
Zones: 6 to 9
Pale green, deeply divided leaves, orange yellow in fall with a very pendulous habit, like a willow. The strength of this tree has improved over the years making it easier to grow. Though it is very slow, a pleasure through the process and well worth the wait.
Size 2 Omure yama \$80.00
Size 3 Omure yama \$120.00
Size 4 Omure yama \$150.00



Elmwood

Acer palmatum Elmwood

Landscape Ht: 10 Container Ht: 6 Zones: 6 to 9
Subtle pink, white and green variegation in spring becomes two tone green in the summer with gold and orange in the fall. Large deeply divided leaves hang from pendulous branches with movement in the wind. Easy to grow, somewhat vigorous.
Size 4 Elmwood \$150.00



Elmwood

Wide Spreading with Deeply Divided Leaves



Oregon Sunset

Acer palmatum Oregon Sunset

Landscape Ht: 10 Container Ht: 6 Zones: 5 to 9

An intriguing structure with knots at the joints as the tree ages and unusual grey bark. Probably an Acer Shirasuanum cross. The multi trunk growth habit and strong curving branches of this tree are elegant with the slightly drooping deeply divided leaves. The red in summer is less purple than most and fall brings pure scarlet red. Excellent for cooler climates.

Size 4 Oregon Sunset \$150.00



Oregon Sunset

Acer palmatum Oshu shidare

Landscape Ht: 10 Container Ht: 6 Zones: 6 to 9

The long lobed, deeply divided leaves are cherry red in the spring, a perfect contrast to the pea green bark. Summer changes slowly from red to green and back to red in the fall. The habit is wide spreading with pendulous branches providing movement in the least of wind. Though slow, an easy tree to grow and a striking beauty.

Size 3 Oshu shidare \$120.00

Size 4 Oshu shidare \$150.00



Shigure bato

Acer palmatum Shigure bato

Landscape Ht: 5 Container Ht: 3 Zones: 6 to 9

Feathery green laceleaf with wide open horizontal layering form, not weeping. Pale green spring color, with a red blush in full sun. Grows at least as wide as tall. Slow growing though not at all difficult. Wonderful for a container garden. Leaves and internodes are small enough for bonsai.

Size 3 Shigure bato \$120.00

Size 4 Shigure bato \$150.00



Oshu shidare



Tsuru nishiki

Acer palmatum 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 3 Tsuru nishiki \$120.00

Size 4 Tsuru nishiki \$150.00

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 2 Sensu \$90.00



Sensu

Variegated Maples

Acer palmatum Butterfly

Landscape Ht: 8 Container Ht: 6 Zones: 5 to 9

Soft pastel pink in spring changing to creamy white edges with blue green centers in the summer on irregularly shaped leaves. Fall is a stunning magenta pink, nothing else in the nursery has this color. A petite little tree with a very upright twiggy growth habit. I've seen this tree happy in some very hot locations with good water. A compact tree, wonderful for a container or a small garden.

Size 3 Butterfly \$120.00

Size 4 Butterfly \$150.00

Specimen Butterfly \$300.00



Butterfly



Hoshi kuzu



Olson's Frosted Strawberry

Acer palmatum Olson's Frosted Strawberry

Landscape Ht: 10 Container Ht: 5 Zones: 6 to 9

Bright strawberry red first emergence, slowly pink suffuses the leaf along the vein as the spring progresses. Graceful deeply divided leaves with serrated edges gently curve at the tips. I have not seen this tree in it's mature form however, I believe it will be typical for this group, wide spreading with cascading branches. Olsen's Frosted Strawberry is slow growing and needs protection from intense heat.

Size 2 Olson's Frosted Strawberry \$90.00

Size 3 Olson's Frosted Strawberry \$130.00

Size 4 Olson's Frosted Strawberry

Acer palmatum Beni shichihenge

Landscape Ht: 8 Container Ht: 5 Zones: 6 to 9

This tree has the most intensely pink spring color of any variegated maple and the longest lasting as well. The name means "Seven Red Apparitions" and I believe they are referring to the shadowy appearance created from the distinct two tone leaf. Summer changes the pink to cream creating the effect of a cool blue-green. A vigorous grower that benefits from pruning to maintain size.

Size 3 Beni shishihenge \$120.00

Size 4 Beni shishihenge \$150.00



Beni shishihenge

Variegated

Providing the most intriguing details and color these are perfect trees for container gardens. They will catch your breath when your first see them. With color that is constantly changing, a delight to have in your outdoor living space.



Multiple tree
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Variegated Maples

Acer palmatum Shigitatsu sawa

Landscape Ht: 8 Container Ht: 4 Zones: 6 to 9

One of the first cultivars with variegation following the vein of the leaf. Very pale green in spring changing to a medium green in summer with a less defined vein. Fall color is golden yellow with a contrasting vein. Bark is pale green with white striations. Structure is open and layered, as wide as tall. Slow growing, though not difficult, must have protection from intense sun.

Size 3 Shigitatsu sawa \$130.00

Size 4 Shigitatsu sawa \$160.00



Acer palmatum Oridono nishiki

Landscape Ht: 10 Container Ht: 6 Zones: 6 to 9

With a completely irregular variegation, each leaf on this tree is different. In spring the variegation is hot pink changing to white and cream for summer, and two-tone red in fall. Even the bark is striped and new branches are bright pink. Some leaves will be perfectly half white and half green while others will have splattered dots of white on a green leaf. This tree needs protection from intense sun and is best kept in a container to enjoy viewing the detail.

Size 4 Oridono nishiki \$150.00

Size 3 Oridono nishiki \$120.00

Specimen Oridono Nishiki \$500.00

Acer palmatum Tiger Rose

Landscape Ht: 10 Container Ht: 6 Zones: 6 to 9

Sharply toothed deeply divided leaves emerge soft rosy pink in spring. The pronounced veins and the edge of the leaf become pale green against a white background. Two tone gold and yellow fall color. Wide spreading form with cascading branches, easy to grow, somewhat vigorous, will need protection from afternoon sun. Beautiful in either container or the landscape.

Size 3 Tiger Rose \$120.00

Size 4 Tiger Rose \$150.00

Acer palmatum Peaches and Cream

Landscape Ht: 8 Container Ht: 5 Zones: 6 to 9

Who can resist this tree? I've watched people gasp when they see it in the spring. Oh so soft a pink on the edge of the cream leaf slowly unfurling to a ruffled edge. As the season progresses the leaf changes to mostly cream with green veins. Fall is gold and orange, once again, soft pastel tones. Slow growing and wide spreading, this tree must have protection from the hot sun as the pale leaves burn easily. Well worth the effort to find just the right location.

Size 4 Peaches And Cream \$150.00

Specimen Peaches And Cream \$350.00

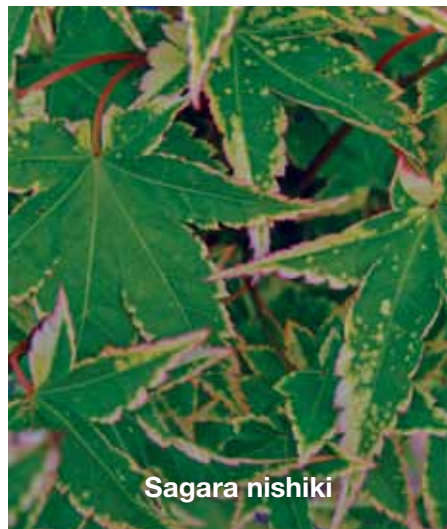
Acer palmatum Sagara nishiki

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

One of my favorite variegated trees, elegant golden yellow traces the edge of the leaf with occasional sprinkles of gold in the body of the leaf. A small slow growing tree with an upright form, medium Sized leaves, moderately spaced internodes and open form. East to grow, requires protection from hot sun. The restrained growth habit and beautiful detail make this tree well suited for bonsai or container garden.

Size 3 Sagara nishiki \$120.00

Size 4 Sagara nishiki \$150.00



Growing Japanese Maples in Containers



By cultivating the essence of the mature tree, container gardening allows us to have the calm elegance of a tree in our intimate spaces. For over 1200 years people have been growing trees in containers for the pure joy of it. In ancient times the aristocratic Chinese were unconcerned about rules or whether or not someone liked their Penjing. "The art of Penjing is an out growth of people's desire to improve the aesthetic qualities of their lives". The art was for their own personal pleasure and enrichment. I do enjoy sharing the beauty of my trees with others, however, the process of creating and caring for my own container gardens is truly satisfying.

Choosing your tree is the first consideration. I recommend slower growing trees with shorter internodes to help maintain proportion. Consider form, wide spreading, weeping, upright, dwarf and dense, and how this will fit into your space. Beginning with a young tree allows you to work with the tree as it matures pruning and directing growth. Maples have four distinct seasonal changes that provide color and impact. Consider which season is most important for your location. Most importantly, find a tree you love.

Japanese maples are the very best of trees for container gardening. The incredible diversity of color and form, their slow growth habit and the shallow fibrous roots are well suited to containers providing an inspiring selection to choose from. Here are a few of my personal favorites, but don't stop here, all but the largest and most vigorous of maples are suited to container gardening.

Upright

Tsukushigata
Shigtatsu sawa
Orange Dream
Koto no Ito
Beni Maiko

Wide Spreading

Ki Hachijo
Tsuru Nishiki
Oshu shidare
Shigure Bato
Oregon Sunset

Dwarf

Kamagata
Mikawa Yatsubusa
Akita yatsubusa
Shishio hime
Corallinum

Weeping Cascading

Ornatum
Red Dragon
Beni Kumo no su
Midori no Teiboku
Orangeola

A container for your garden will first depend on the size of your chosen tree. For optimum health and root growth from a young tree it is recommended to graduate pot size by doubling the volume of soil as the tree grows. A one gallon tree should be moved into a 2-3 gallon container. The opening of the container should be the widest point so the tree can be removed for root pruning without damaging the container. Japanese Maples have a shallow fibrous root system. A container at least as wide as it is tall is best.

The tree is the focal point, the star of the show. Aside from cultural considerations, proportion and timing are the single most important elements for the companion plants. Choosing companion plants less than 24", preferably smaller, will maintain proportion with a tree of 6-8' tall. I always have early bulbs in my containers to announce the emergence of my maples. You should always choose slow growing, noninvasive plants to minimize competition for root space. Here are a few suggestions:

Bulbs and Rhizomes

Tulip Humillus-all varieties
Tulip Kaufmanii- all varieties
Crocus Tomasianus
Daffodil Baby Moon
Iris Cristata
Iris Suaveolens
Cyclamen 'Coum'
Cyclamen 'Hederafolium'

Perennials

Aqueligia flabellata pumila
Hosta-all dwarf varieties
Hemerocallis 'Little Bird'
Ophiopogon- dwarf
Primula warshenewskiana
Dianthus myrtinervius
Astilbe simplicifolia
'William Buchanan'

Rhododendron/Azalea – all dwarf varieties

Maples do best in a well drained acid soil. A high quality commercial soil mix rich in bark provides excellent drainage. The use of compost, manure or garden soil is not recommended because of the potential introduction of bacteria or fungus. If your water is heavy in minerals, or alkaline, try to find a potting soil created for azalea and camellia. This will provide the correct pH level in the container.

Once you have selected your tree and container to suit your particular location, along with some companion plants to compliment your tree you will have several years with minimal maintenance. Over time, perhaps 2 to 5 years depending on the variety and age of your maple, it will be necessary to replace the exhausted soil in the container and revitalize the root system with root pruning. There are several ways to evaluate whether the time has come for root pruning. The first indication is an overall reduction of vigor in the plant. The tree will have very little or no new growth and often is discolored or deformed due to nutrient deficiency. You can also check the soil with your fingers to determine if roots have compacted in the container. A compacted root system doesn't allow room for the water and air necessary for the health of the tree. Sometimes with the old or very dwarf, slow growing maples we find the tree benefits from a replacement of old soil and minor root pruning even when not root bound.

Timing is probably the single most important criteria to a successful root pruning. During dormancy, about 2 to 3 weeks prior to bud break is the ideal time. During this period there is active root growth and no demand on the root system from the tree. If you are not sure when emergence is in your area watch for a slight swelling and shininess of the buds.

Growing Japanese Maples in Containers

You will need to gather a few simple tools to prepare for root pruning. A tool to pull out the compacted roots, such as a garden claw or a root hook, a small hand saw with fine teeth to remove matted woody roots and a pair of sharp bypass pruners. I find the sharp point of my garden cut shears useful to access difficult cuts. A hand spade or small shovel to fill in the soil.

To protect the branches and make access to the roots easier I recommend binding up the branches before beginning. Over a tarp, gently lay the container on its side. It is best to remove the container from the root ball rather than remove the tree from the container. This protects against damaging the crown of the tree, where the roots meet the soil. Once you have removed the container you can begin vigorously separating the roots and removing the soil with your claw. As you loosen the root ball the individual roots will become visible and you can begin to separate out and remove the heavy woody roots.

The purpose of the woody roots is to anchor the tree in the landscape. They take up valuable space in the container needed for air and water. With a heavily compacted root ball you will find your saw useful to remove a section of the root ball all around. After you've removed the woody roots and the matted outer roots, remove the majority of the old soil until the remaining root ball is reduced by about 25%. Don't be afraid to handle



the roots of the maples, they benefit hugely from pruning. You will see a vigorous response of growth the year following your root pruning. The use of a growth stimulant, such as Superthrive, to soak the root ball prior to repotting is very beneficial.

Place a layer of soil in the bottom of the container adequate to raise the crown of the tree to one inch below the top of the container. I use a bamboo stake or the end of my shovel to take a measure and avoid having to lift the tree more than once. Be sure to support the root ball when lifting the tree to avoid damage to the crown. If this is a larger tree you may need help at this point in the process. While holding the position of your tree, fill in around the root ball lightly packing as you go until the pot is full to one inch from the top and the tree is stabilized, then thoroughly water in your tree until water flows through the bottom of the container. After about a week the use of a liquid fertilizer in dilute solution, such as fish emulsion or Dynagrow-Gro will get your tree off to a good start. All that remains is to enjoy.



Each of my trees has a story to tell. From the quiet stillness of dormancy to the subtle stirrings of early spring and on through the year they have become companions to me. I find a great satisfaction in my relationship with my trees and the trees in my container gardens are my most intimate.

Japanese Maples for Bonsai or Penjing

Maples for Bonsai or Penjing

The Art of Penjing and Bonsai is an outgrowth of peoples desire to improve the aesthetic qualities of their lives, of a yearning for close contact with nature in an urban setting. Aristocratic Chinese were unconcerned about rules or whether or not someone liked their penjing. These were personal, private efforts that reflected the owner-trainer's artistic abilities and created in a non-competitive and non-commercial setting. The basic principle is that beauty is in the eyes of the beholder and that the opinion of the owner-trainer was the only one that mattered.

Creating artistic pot plants was a joyful hobby. It wasn't necessary to be serious or create beauty. It was perfectly proper to create "ugly" or "monstrous" plants. Such trees became topics of interesting, light-hearted conversation amongst friends. For some, finding an unusually shaped tree was the start. In other cases, a design utilized very young limber seedlings that had their trunks shaped into Chinese calligraphy characters."

PENJING RULE #1: "SMILE!" Penjing is an art and a hobby to be enjoyed. When you smile, your mind opens up, you create, and you enjoy!

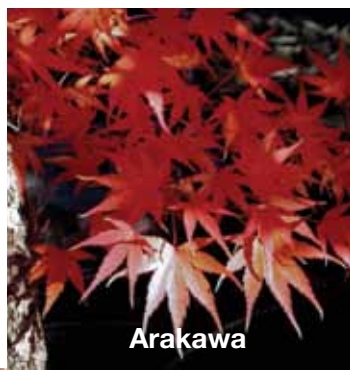
PENJING RULE #2: "DON'T LET ANYONE MAKE UP ANY MORE RULES!"

Acer palmatum Arakawa

One of the rough bark maples, beautiful deeply fissured bark. Upright form with outstanding fall color. Very easy to grow and heat tolerant. Though vigorously growing this tree is highly desirable for Bonsai when grown as a rooted cutting.

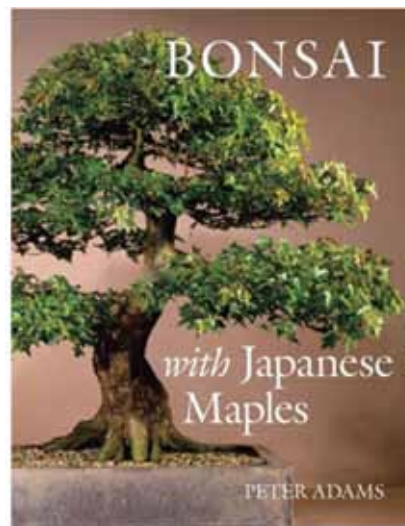
Size 2 Arakawa

rooted cutting \$90



Rooted Cuttings

and seedlings, though slower growing, are highly sought for bonsai and container gardening where the presence of a graft line may be undesirable. We have been growing this group of trees for several years and they show great promise for bonsai. These are very choice trees in this group.



'Bonsai With Japanese Maples' by Peter Adams

With their delicate foliage, seasonal color changes, and intricate pattern of branching, Japanese maples are among the most popular and suitable plants for bonsai design. Internationally renowned expert Peter Adams discusses both the specific horticultural needs of Japanese maples as bonsai subjects and illustrates proven techniques for creating and maintaining beautiful specimens. Although aimed at an audience that has some familiarity with bonsai techniques, the book deliberately shows a mix of bonsai at different stages in their training, so that less experienced enthusiasts can gain new ideas and inspiration from trees that are "works in progress." Much more than a mere "how-to" book, Bonsai with Japanese Maples is a forthright attempt to look at bonsai as art objects and to critique and assess them from an artist's perspective.

Book 'Bonsai With Japanese Maples' by Peter Adams \$35

Japanese Maple Bonsai Kit

An excellent gift for either a seasoned bonsai enthusiast or all that is needed for the beginner.

Includes Mikawa Yatsubusa Seedling, Small Round Mica Pot, soil, Gardencut Shears and phytech 50 cut paste (see pg. 36) and Book *Bonsai With Japanese Maples* by Peter Adams. All for \$150



Japanese Maples for Bonsai or Penjing



Murasaki kiyohime

Acer palmatum Murasaki Kiyohime

Spring emerges a pale green with a brick red edge. The classic yatsubusa type so frequently used in bonsai, very low and wide with no weeping, the branches grow horizontal to the ground. With a profusion of branches and frequent short internodes this tree provides many opportunities for creating a beautiful bonsai or container tree.

Size 4 Murasaki kiyohime rooted cutting \$200.00

Acer palmatum Mikawa Yatsubusa Seedlings

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. Each of these seedlings are showing all of the desirable characteristics of the parent tree- upright structural form very short internodes and small leaves.

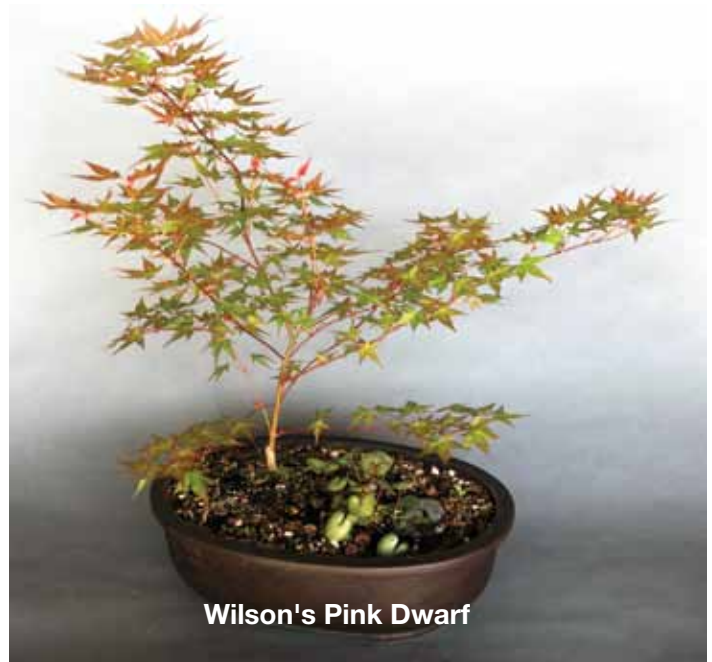
Size 2 Mikawa Yatsubusa seedling \$90



Acer Buergarianum

Small three lobed leaves and grey bark which exfoliates in large pieces on a mature tree. Vigorously growing creating many opportunities. A classic often used for Bonsai. We began reduction pruning quite early to maintain size and proportion. Glorious red fall color. Excellent heat and cold tolerance.

Size 4 Acer Buergarianum \$150



Wilson's Pink Dwarf

Acer palmatum Wilson's Pink Dwarf

Tiny little leaves, about the size of your little fingernail, emerge bright pink. The leaves mature to about 1.5" wide and slowly transition to a medium green for summer. Upright form with fine stems and short internodes, perfect proportion, excellent for bonsai. Easy to grow sun and heat tolerant. Early to emerge in spring, protect from late frosts.

Size 3 A. p. Wilson's Pink Dwarf rooted cutting \$150



Acer Buergarianum

Containers for Japanese Maples

Containers

I love the look of a container that is at least as wide as it is tall. This proportion compliments the shallow fibrous root system of the maples providing a wonderful surface area for arranging companion plants and stones.



Organic Bowls

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
\$20 shipping surcharge due to weight



Containers for Japanese Maples

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.

Sm. Round Mica Pot 13x13x4 \$30.00

Med. Round Mica Pot 15x15x5 \$65.00

Med. Oval Mica Pot 22x15x6 \$55.00

Sm Oval Mica Pot 16x11x4 \$30.00

Sm Rectangular Mica Pot 14x10x4 \$35.00

Med. Rectangular Mica Pot 21x14x6 \$55.00



Small Round Pot



Medium Round Pot



Small Oval Pot



Medium Oval Pot



Small Rectangular Pot



Medium Rectangular Pot

Terracaste Containers

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. Available in 2 styles and two rich colors, Dark Charcoal and Dark Monzonite with a Granite finish creating the appearance of stone.

Japanese Patio Tree Container

Made of the same durable material as the Planter Bowls, my mother, Nancy Fiers, designed the Patio Tree container from her favorite bonsai pot. Not as wide, and slightly deeper than the Planter Bowls, this container was designed for a tall, upright standard tree such as Red Rugose. The Patio Tree Container is 33" wide by 14" deep and holds 40 gallons of soil and will comfortably hold a tree up to eight feet tall. 33" Japanese Patio Tree Container \$300



Tree Container
Dark Monzonite



Planter Bowls

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.

Available in two sizes:

24" wide x 8" deep \$160

37" wide x 10" deep \$300

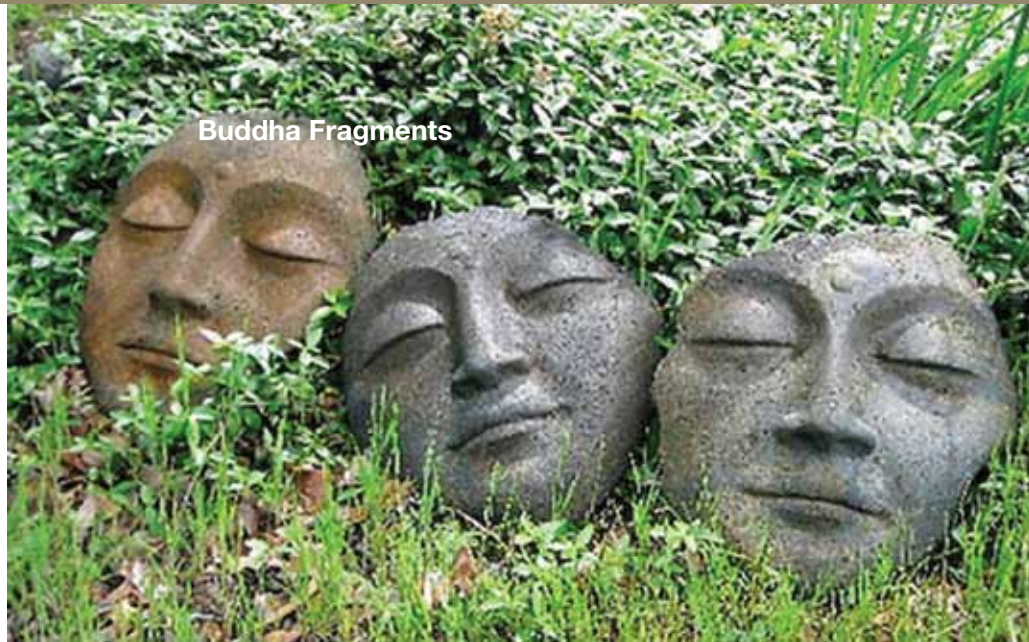


Dark Monzonite



Charcoal

Garden Ornaments



Buddha Fragments

Buddha Fragments

I found myself sigh from the calm peaceful presence of this sculpture. Designed as fragments of monumental sculptures, suggested placement in the garden is as a fallen artifact discovered for the first time. The Buddha Fragments can also be hung on a wall or a large tree. Each piece is unique, handmade by the artist from fiber and reinforced cement and will naturalize to become a part of the garden. Easily withstands harsh winters without damage, the reinforced concrete will not break. Approximately 14" by 14" weighing 9lbs. Please be aware each piece is handmade and colors will vary slightly though in the same range of earth tones. Buddha Fragment \$140



Maple Leaf Chimes

Maple Leaf Chimes

A soft subtle tone rings out when a breeze captures these lovely chimes. Made for a lifetime of enjoyment of cast iron enameled a deep green. The chimes have wonderful detail with lovely curves for movement and pronounced veins on the leaves. Each of the four leaves is approx. 2.5" and the length of the chimes is approx. 14". Imported from Japan. Maple Leaf Chimes \$50



Japanese Bells

Japanese Bells

Small cast iron enameled Japanese bells with soft clear tone and subtle colors. Light enough to use on a smaller branch, the bells can also be used to weigh a branch for training a horizontal line.

Songbird 1.75"x 1.75" \$12.00

Lucky Cricket 1.75"x 1.75" \$12.00

Pine Thatching 2.25" x 2.25" \$12.00

Temple Bell 2.25"x 2.25" \$12.00



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

Garden Ornaments

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".

Replicated Aged Wood Pavers \$55.00. \$5 Shipping surcharge due to weight.



Replicated Aged Wood Pavers

Rock Ropes



Rock Ropes

Designed with Bonsai weights in mind these rock ropes are a small ornamental interpretation of the rock ropes found in the ancient gardens of Japan. A lovely way to bring the element of stone to the container and compliment the perfect tree on your deck. Also useful for the bonsai in training. Made by a local California artist, available here exclusively. Each piece is unique and hand made with three stones, and copper wire approximately 9" long and 8 oz. The stones are polished to show the depth of color and pick up the light. The detail in the wire work is a delightful surprise. They are a beautiful compliment to the color of the leaves and are striking with the winter silhouette of the tree. Please see the web site for photos of individual pieces or request a palette of colors for your tree.

Medium Rock Rope \$78

Bird Baths

I love it to put a new piece in my garden and have it appear to have always been there, to belong. The birdbath went directly under the Osakazuki to collect the beautiful red leaves as they fell this fall and was quickly found by the local birds. Debbie is eager to use one to plant a succulent garden.

Made by the same artist as the pavers and the Organic Bowls these birdbaths appear to be a solid piece of wood. However they are constructed of the same eco-friendly, cast cement material made of 60% recycled material. Approx. 28" in diameter and 5" deep each piece is unique.

Bird bath \$85



Bird Baths



Essence of the Tree Gift Certificate

To ensure your Japanese Maple lover receives his or her perfect tree, Gift Certificates are available starting from \$50.00. Each gift certificate is presented in a unique hand crafted card with a Japanese Maple theme, a Japanese cast iron bell, and a small gift box. We will gladly hand write any message you desire to go with your gift certificate!

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Dynagrow 'Grow' Liquid Fertilizer

A liquid fertilizer providing complete nutrition and low soluble salts, excellent for container trees.

Dyna-gro 8oz. \$6.00

Dyna Grow 'Grow' 32 oz. \$20.00

Phyton 27 Fungicide-Bactericide

A systemic, broad spectrum, fungicide-bactericide we use here in the nursery. Excellent for preventative treatment as well as against active disease. Can be used as a drench or a foliar spray.

Phyton 27 2oz \$20.00

Phytech 50 Cut Paste

Lanolin based cut paste to protect wounds as they heal. In a convenient tube to carry in your pocket.

Phytech 50 Tube \$6.00



Silky PocketBoy 130mm fine

Silky PocketBoy 130mm fine teeth compact saw. Highest quality available, a delight to use, 22 teeth per inch insure a clean cut. Includes carrying case.

Silky Pocket Boy \$28.00

GardenCut Shears

Shears with strong sharply pointed tips to permit clean cuts in tight places. Incredibly sharp carbon steel blades with bright red handles. We use them for everything and they last for years. Gardencut Shears \$15.00



Tool Kit

This kit includes a pair of Gardencut shears, a Silky Pocketboy 130 saw, and a tube of phytech 50.

Tool Kit-Silky Pocket Boy 130, GardenCut shears, Phytech 50 tube \$45.00



Superthrive

A vitamin and hormone supplement to stimulate plant growth.

Superthrive 2 oz. vitamin hormone supplement \$6.00

Peace of Mind® Japanese Maple Organic Fertilizer (4-8-5)

Finally, a fertilizer that's blended for the unique needs of Japanese maples. 'Peace of Mind' uses a lower-nitrogen formula that supports a natural tendency to grow in cool weather environments. This means less leaf scorch in summer—even in sun—and a smooth transition to dazzling fall color. A lower pH helps the roots take up the nutrients they need, and phosphorus and potassium deliver color illumination like you've never seen before. You'll get all the brilliant reds, purples, and oranges that make Japanese maples the crowning glory of the garden.

Our Japanese Maple fertilizer contains premium organic ingredients like bat guano, cottonseed meal, feather meal and humic acid, a naturally occurring organic material that is formed when organic matter decomposes. Best of all, FoxFarm adds 20 species of beneficial microbes to help convert fertilizers into vital plant food and fight off disease. It is granulated and easy to use, and provides gentle, slow-release feedings all season long. Use 1/2 cup for every two feet of plant height, Spring and summer. Because Japanese maples have shallow root systems, mulch regularly and keep soil damp.

Peace of Mind Fertilizer 4 lbs. \$8.

Concave Branch Cutter

Professional Quality Concave Branch Cutter. My most frequently used tool for pruning in the nursery. Excellent for a perfectly clean cut in exactly the right place. The high carbon steel of this Concave Cutter will keep a sharp edge indefinitely when properly used and cared for. Vinyl-coated handles provide a comfortable and sure grip with this Professional quality tool, particularly during cold or hot weather. 7/8" blades, 8" overall length.

Concave Branch Cutter \$65.00



Container Garden Irrigation Kit

A custom kit for irrigating the container trees on your patio or deck. The maples do best when humidity is maintained. This kit contains everything needed to provide both the mist for humidity and a thorough soak for your container trees. Easy to assemble, no tools needed, includes filter and pressure reducer as well as enough fittings for at least 10 containers. The system can be attached to an existing timer or a battery timer. \$85.00

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Choosing the Best Maples for Your Location

WE ALL LOVE TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITIES for color and form in selecting the perfect maple for our garden or container. Choosing which tree will provide the characteristics we desire as well as be compatible with our climate can be more challenging. Over the years, through our observations in the nursery as well as talking with maple lovers all over the country, we have had the opportunity to learn the tolerances and weaknesses of the different cultivars. Hopefully this

Colder Climates (Midwest, North and Northeast)

All of the trees from the Acer Japonicum species are hardy to zone 5 they are later to emerge in spring and earlier in approaching dormancy, this is a wonderful group to choose from for a cold climate especially for fall color. Acer Shirasuanum is another cold tolerant species. Our native Acer Circinatum is also hardy to zone 5 and offers many recent introductions of special interest for a northern garden. Some Acer Palmatum are more cold tolerant than others. The weeping dissectum and the dwarf yatsubusa types are early to emerge and will require protection from late frosts.

Spring color:

A.s. Aureum
A.s. Autumn moon
A.p. Orange Dream
A.c. Sunglow
A.p. Tsuma Beni

Red Summer Color:

A.p. Umegae
A.p. x A.s. Oregon Sunset
A.p. x A.s. Yasmine
A.p. Beni Hoshi
A.p. Trompenberg

Fall color:

A.p. Osakazuki
A.p. Hogyoku
A.p. Ever Autumn
A.j. Vitafoium

Winter bark Interest:

A.c. Pacific Fire
A.p. Kogane Sakae

Dwarf :

A.p. Mikawa Yatsubusa
A.p. O jishi
A.p. Kamagata

Disectum (laceleaf):

A. j. Maiku jaku
A.j. Green cascade
A.j. Oregon Fern

Hot Dry Climates (Southwest)

The primary consideration in this region is the hard water and alkaline soils. Please see "Growing Japanese Maples in Areas in Hard Water Areas" under articles on our website. The palmate group are the most tolerant of these conditions as well as the heat. All of the maples will require protection from hot afternoon sun and special attention to watering. Spring color should be the primary consideration as the hot dry summer and short fall season limit the fall color in these areas. Here are a few suggestions.

Spring color:

Wilson's Pink Dwarf
Shindeshojo
A.p. Katsura
A.p. Beni Maiko
Sango Kaku

Red Summer Color:

A.p. Fireglow
Emperor 1
A.p. Adrian's Compact
A.p. Moonfire

Variegated trees:

A.p. Butterfly
A.p. Sagara Nishiki
A.p. Beni shishihenge
A.p. Hoshi Kuzu
Tiger Rose

Hot Humid Climates (South and Southeast)

The maples do quite well in these regions as long as they are protected from afternoon sun in the hottest areas. Caution should be taken with the witches brooms such as A.p. Koto Maru or A.p. Aratama and other trees that are very compact as there is potential for fungus in the warm moist nights of summer. Provide good air circulation and use a systemic fungicide such as Phyton 27 as a preventative treatment. In the more southern regions fall is frequently warm and wet making fall color inconsistent. Choose for spring color and you will never be disappointed as the spring comes early and lasts long.

Wet Foggy Climates (Northwest and coastal regions)

The limited amount of sun available in these areas needs to be considered. The red trees need a good bit of sun to maintain the red color through the summer. Without adequate sun they will fade to a dark green. All but the most sensitive trees, such as 'Peaches and Cream' and 'Geisha', can be planted in full sun. Close to the ocean the salt air and constant wind can cause salt burn on the trees. Planting on the leeward side of the house to provide the most protection possible and spraying the tree often to rinse off the salt will help considerably. The Maples thrive in the constant rain of the mild Northwest. We call this 'Maple Heaven'. Be certain to provide excellent drainage and adequate sun and any of the trees will grow easily in this area.

SOME trees have been around many years and there is a wealth of experience to learn from, others have been in production only a few years and we are all watching and learning as they grow. Every growing situation has unique circumstances to consider from soil quality to the gardener caring for the trees. Please share with us your experiences with the maples.

Shipping Information and Order Form

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.

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CA, OR, NV, WA		Other Continental United States	
Merchandise total	3-day	Merchandise total	3-day
0-\$20.00	\$11.00	0-\$20.00	\$16.50
\$20.01-\$60.00	\$16.50	\$20.01-\$60.00	\$22.00
\$60.01-\$100.00	\$22.00	\$60.01-\$100.00	\$33.00
\$100.01-\$160.00	\$27.50	\$100.01-\$160.00	\$44.00
\$160.01-\$200.00	\$33.00	\$160.01-\$200.00	\$49.50
\$200.01-\$300.00	\$38.50	\$200.01-\$300.00	\$55.00
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