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## Exciting New Introductions

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## Dear Friends and Fellow Gardeners,

**A**hhh... the fall comes. An ease is granted. The heat recedes; the days shorten allowing for more rest. The trees are transitioning, preparing for the winter rest.

*Except during the nine months before he draws his first breath, no man manages his affairs as well as a tree does.*

George Bernard Shaw

A garden is the only art project I can think of that takes on a life of its own becoming a relationship between you, the plants and nature. My garden will have a major makeover this fall, moving many plants that have out grown their position to a new place with ample room to express themselves. Fall is the best time for planting the maples and you can be sure I am creating new spaces for my new favorite trees.



*Ian, Tricia and Charles with Zip, the Aussie and Duncan, our faithful lab.*

People often ask me, "What is your favorite tree?" I can only reply, "When?" I love a tree that can go through a heat wave unscathed. I'm impressed with their fortitude. I am certainly impressed when a tree comes along with excellent vigor and unique color and form such as Ryusen. This is a practical response to the trees that require little of me to excel. Easier yes, but, my favorite?

Of the new introductions 'Amagi Shigure' has captured my attention with a true magenta pink color. Nothing vague or washed out about this tree. Also 'Manyo no sato' with the perfect pairing of chartreuse and maroon variegation in a small tree, a great new color combination in the garden.

There are the trees that I hold dear for the memories they hold, such as my mother's favorite, Tsuru Nishiki or Fireglow for the recollection of my son Ian's face when he first saw the light coming through the leaves on a clear day in spring.

Sometimes an individual tree will draw my attention for no apparent reason, pulling my heartstrings. With the trees I experience a full range of emotion from excitement and joyous delight at the explosion of spring to the serene still quiet of dormancy. Each tree has a character of its own. I truly enjoy being with the trees day after day and year to year getting to know them.

Enjoy your trees,

*Tricia*

*And this, our life, exempt from public haunt, finds tongues in trees, books in the running brooks, sermons in stones, and good in everything.*

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

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### 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.

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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.



*A woodland in full color is awesome as a forest fire, in magnitude at least, but a single tree is like a dancing tongue of flame to warm the heart.*

HAL BORLAND

Front cover, Fall in upper New York state

# 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.



**Geisha Gone Wild**

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"

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/](http://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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## Quantity Discounts

**Buy 3 get**  
**10% off**

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**15% off**

**Buy 7+ get**  
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Exclusive of other discounts or specials

**Ghost Collection** Wonderful planted as a group for brilliant color contrast. Grandma Ghost, Purple Ghost and Uncle Ghost: **All three in Size 4 for \$360.00 - See pages 12 and 13**



**Cold Climate Collection** A family of Acer shirasawanum for chartreuse, orange and red spring in colder climates. Size 3 A.s. Moonrise, size 2 A.s. Aureum and size 2 A.s. Autumn Moon: **All 3 for \$224 - See page 7**



**Hot Climate Collection** A diverse selection of trees for color, texture and form for the south and the southwest climates Size 3 Red Dragon, Ryusen, Cynthia's Crown Jewel: **All 3 for \$288 - See pages 16, 5 and 6**



**Fall Color Collection** blazing fall color selections of red, orange and yellow. **Size 3 A.j. Vitifolium, A.j Maiku Jaku, Hogyoku: All 3 for \$288 - See pages 10 and 11**



# Exciting New, Rare and Choice Maples



**Burgandy Jewel**

## **Acer circinatum Burgandy 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



**Geisha Gone Wild**

## **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

## **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



**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

## **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



**Amagi shigure**



**Amagi shigure**



**Jade Gate**

# Exciting New, Rare and Choice Maples



Ryusen

## 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 2 Ryusen \$90.00  
Size 3 Ryusen \$130.00  
Size 4 Ryusen \$160.00

## Acer palmatum Manyo no sato

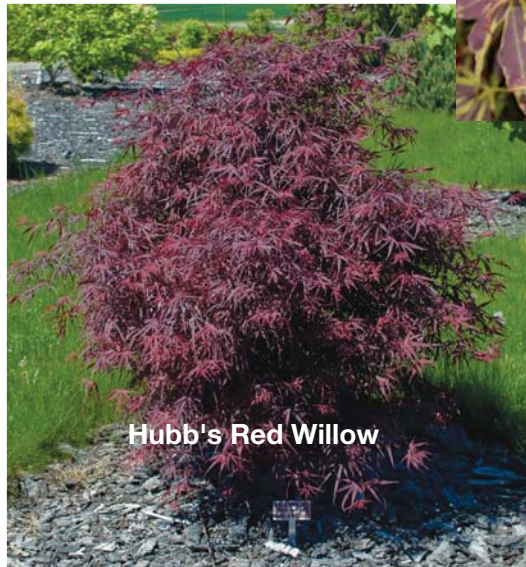
Landscape Ht: 6 Container Ht: 4 Zones: 6 to 9  
Outragous! A startling chartreuse and maroon variegated tree, an exceptional new introduction with a color combination I've never seen before in the maples. Easy to grow with good sun tolerance. A slow growing dense upright form. Excellent for small gardens and containers.  
Size 1 Manyo no sato \$70.00



Manyo no sato

## 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



Hubb's Red Willow

## 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

## 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

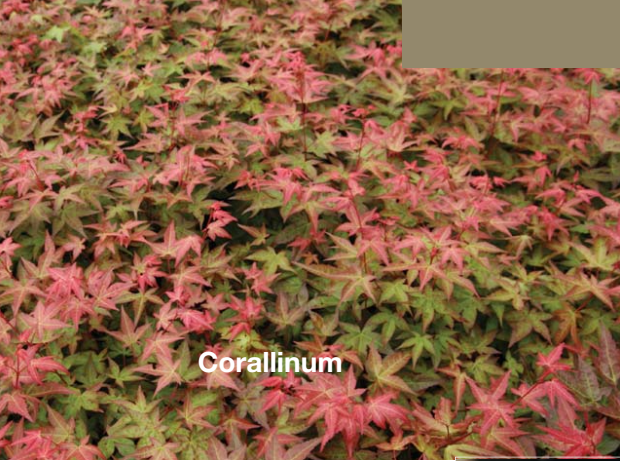


Kogane sakae



Shojo no mai

# Maples for Brilliant Spring Color



**Corallinum**

## 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 it's overall diminutive appearance. Small leaves, delicate branches and open form provide a perfect tree for bonsai and containers.  
Size 1 Corallinum \$50.00  
Size 2 Corallinum \$80.00

## 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. An excellent addition to any garden.  
Size 3 Johnnie's Pink \$120.00



**Johnnie's Pink**



**Cynthia's Crown Jewel**

## 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 3 Orange Dream \$120.00  
Size 4 Orange Dream \$150.00



**Johnnie's Pink**



**Sunglow**

## 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

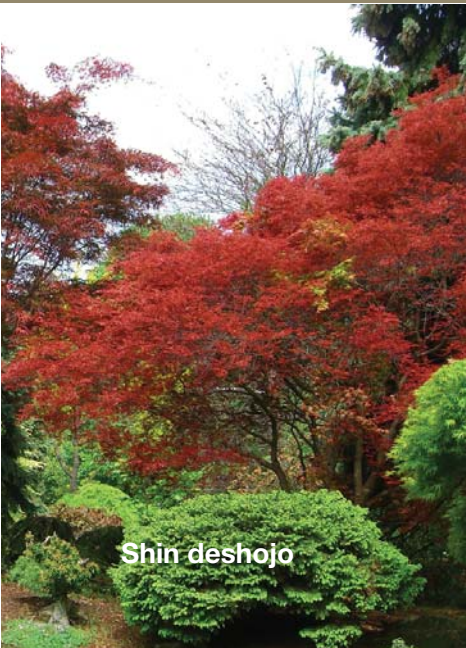


**Orange Dream**

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



# Maples for Brilliant Spring Color



**Shin deshojo**

## 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 1 Shin deshojo \$50.00  
Size 2 Shin deshojo \$80.00

## 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



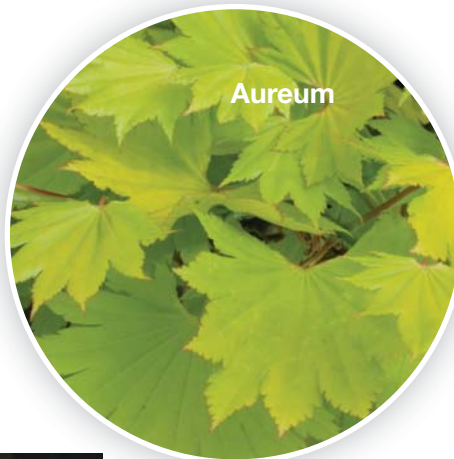
**Tsuma beni**

## 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



**Moonrise**



**Aureum**

## 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 1 A.s Aureum \$60.00  
Size 3 A.s Aureum \$130.00  
Size 4 A.s Aureum \$160.00



**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 1 A.s Autumn Moon \$50.00  
Size 2 A.s Autumn Moon \$80.00  
Size 4 A.s Autumn Moon \$150.00



# Rich Red Summer Color



**Adrian's Compact**

## **Acer palmanum 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 palmanum Beni hoshi**

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

Also known as 'Ruby Stars', spring emergence is ruby red on this small upright tree changing to a deep red in summer. As summer progresses the vein on the small star shaped leaves slowly suffuses with green creating texture and depth. 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



**Beni otake**

## **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



**Iijima sunago**



**Beni hoshi**

## **Acer palmanum 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



**Enkan**

## **Acer palmanum 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



# Rich Red Summer Color



**Moonfire**

## Acer palmanum 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



**Red Rugose**

## Acer palmanum 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 3 Red Rugose \$130.00

Size 4 Red Rugose \$160.00

## Acer palmanum 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 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



**Oregon Sunset**

## Acer palmanum Oregon Sunset

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

I'm intrigued by the unusual grey bark, more typical in Acer Shirasuanum. 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. Best suited to cooler climates.

Size 3 Oregon Sunset \$120.00



**Umegae**

# Breathtaking Fall Color and Winter Bark Interest



**Pacific Fire**

## **Acer circinatum Pacific Fire**

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

The intense shiny orange-red bark of this northwestern native is glorious against the snow or the gray winter sky. Lime green orbicular leaves unfold like fans. Emerges later in spring than the 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 1 AC Pacific Fire \$50.00

## **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**

## **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**



**Vitifolium**

## **Acer japonicum Vitifolium**

Landscape Ht: 18 Container Ht: 12 Zones: 5 to 9

A large, vigorous tree with extraordinary fall color. The leaves are as big as your hand. Fall color of orange, yellow and red comes early and fast creating a fire in the sky. You can see this tree for miles in fall color. Fall color is consistent even in warmer climates.

Size 3 A.j. Vitifolium \$120.00

Size 4 A.j. Vitifolium \$150.00



*Special  
Fall Color  
Collection*

See page 3



**Bihou**

## **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

## Autumn Masterpiece

For a stunning finish to the growing season, consider a grouping of maples with various heights and structures and contrasting colors to create your autumn masterpiece.



Ever Autumn

### 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

### Acer palmatum Hogyoku

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

An older cultivar most known for the pumpkin orange fall color. An upright somewhat stocky structure, slower growing and smaller than most of the trees in the amoenum group.

A stunning display of fall color when planted with the brilliant red 'Osakazuki'. Easy to grow and beautiful year round, a classic for every garden.

Size 2 Hogyoku \$80.00

Size 3 Hogyoku \$120.00

Size 4 Hogyoku \$150.00



Osakazuki



Hogyoku

### 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 1 Osakazuki \$50.00

Size 2 Osakazuki \$80.00



Koto no ito

### 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 linearlobed 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 \$190.00



# Variegated Maples



**Beni shichihenge**

## 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 shichihenge \$120.00  
Size 4 Beni shichihenge \$150.00

## Acer palmanum 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 2 Amber Ghost \$90.00  
Size 3 Amber Ghost \$120.00  
Size 4 Amber Ghost \$150.00



**Amber Ghost**



**Grandma Ghost**

## Acer palmanum 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



**Butterfly**

## Acer palmanum 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 twiggly 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



**Peaches and Cream**

## Acer palmanum Peaches and Cream

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

Who can resist this tree? I've watched people gasp when they see it in the spring. A soft 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

# Variegated Maples

## Acer palmanum 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 4 Purple Ghost \$150.00



Purple Ghost



Shigitatsu sawa

## Acer palmanum 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



Sagara nishiki

## Acer palmanum 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

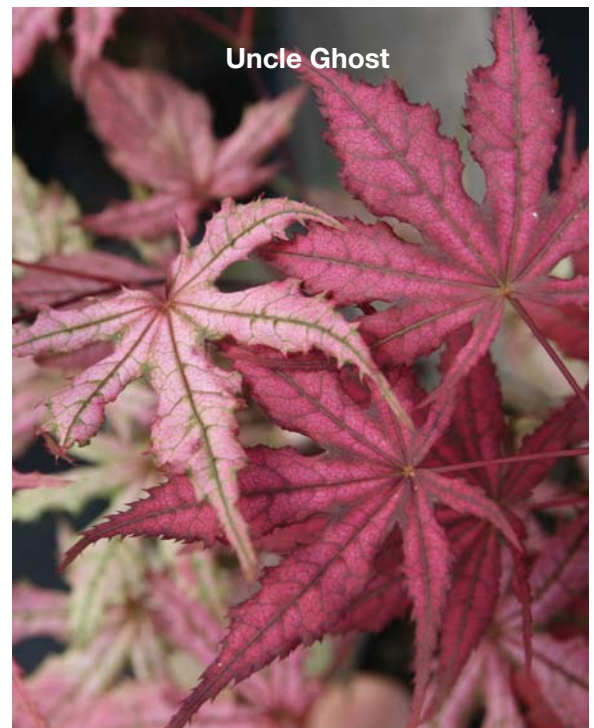
## Acer palmanum Shigitatsu sawa

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

One of the first cultivars with variegation following the vein of the leaf. Very soft 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



Uncle Ghost



Ukigumo

## Acer palmanum Ukigumo

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

Named 'Floating Cloud' for the heavily variegated leaves that are almost completely white at times. Spring emergence is pastel pink. This tree responds quickly to cultural situations reverting to a plain green amoenum leaf with either too much fertilizer or sun. My tree matured to have perfectly white layers of branches in the under story and a canopy of amoenum leaves on top. Small, quite upright in form. Gold and yellow in the fall.

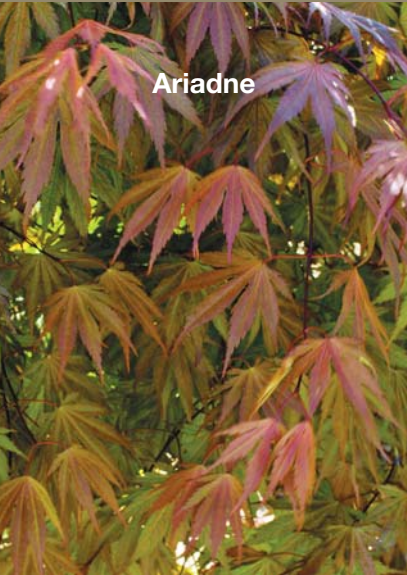
Size 1 Ukigumo \$60.00

Size 2 Ukigumo \$90.00

Size 3 Ukigumo \$130.00

Size 4 Ukigumo \$160.00

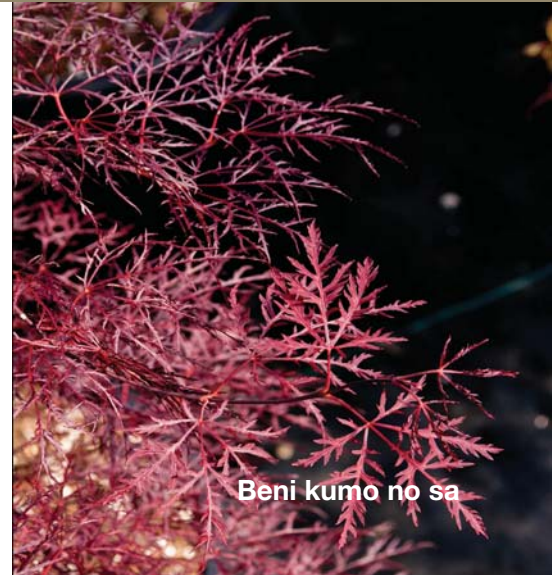
# Elegant Laceleaf and Weeping, Cascading Maples



**Ariadne**

## **Acer palmanum 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



**Beni kumo no sa**

## **Acer palmanum 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**

## **Acer palmanum 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 palmanum Filigree Lace**

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



**Filigree Lace**

## **Acer palmanum 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 \$60.00



**Ki hachijo**

# Elegant Laceleaf and Weeping, Cascading Maples



**Orangeola**

## **Acer palmanum 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 palmanum 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



**Omure yama**

## **Acer palmanum 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 Orantum \$120.00  
 Size 4 Orantum \$150.00



**Ornatum**

## **Acer palmanum 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



**Oshu shidare**

## **Acer palmanum 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 4 Red Dragon \$150.00



**Red Dragon**



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# Dwarf Maples for Containers and Small Gardens

## Acer palmanum 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



Hanami nishiki



Akita Yatsubusa

## Acer palmanum Akita Yatsubusa

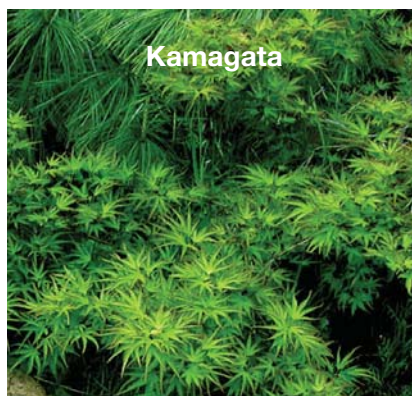
Landscape Ht: 3 Container Ht: 2 Zones: 6 to 9

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 2 Akita Yatsubusa \$90.00

Size 3 Akita Yatsubusa \$120.00



Kamagata

## Acer palmanum 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



Mikawa yatsubusa

## Acer palmanum 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



Sharp's Pygmy

## Acer palmanum 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 \$130.00

Size 4 Sharp's Pygmy \$160.00



Ojishi

## Acer palmanum O jishi

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 O jishi \$90.00

Size 3 O jishi \$130.00

Size 4 O jishi \$160.00

# Dwarf Maples for Containers and Small Gardens



**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



**Beni maiko**

## **Acer palmanum Beni maiko**

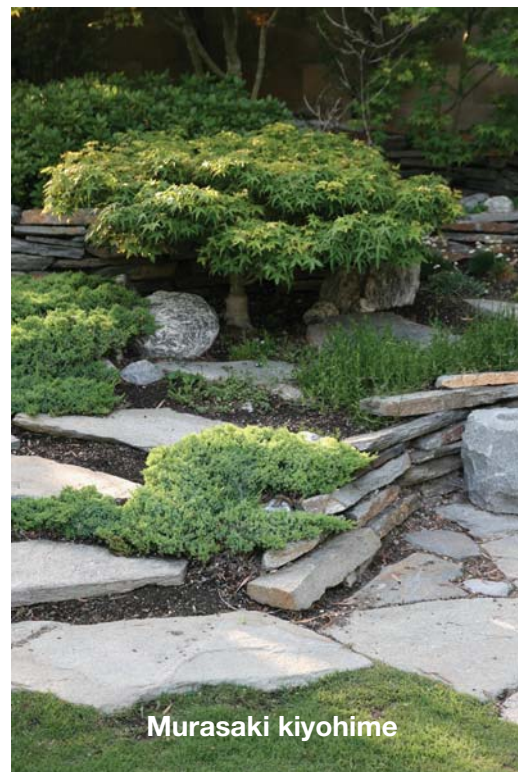
Landscape Ht: 6 Container Ht: 4 Zones: 6 to 9  
The smallest of the spring color types, Beni maiko means 'red dancing girl' in Japanese. Bright shiny red leaves in spring slowly change to brick red and green as summer progress becoming red, orange and yellow in the fall. Small leaves, fine delicate structure in an upright form. Lovely for a small garden, bonsai or container. Vigorously growing in youth, a very heat tolerant cultivar.  
Size 1 Beni maiko \$45.00

## **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



**Tama hime**



**Murasaki kiyohime**

## **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



## *Dwarf Maples*

Classified as trees that mature to under 6 feet, though many have been developed for Bonsai, these trees offer wonderful color and structure throughout the year for containers and small gardens.

# For the Care of the Maples

*We are committed to the long term care of your maple trees and continue to research and gather information to help you with the selection and care of your trees. Please see the articles on our website. Whether your concern is hard water or a cold climate we have information to help you. We also have a video demonstrating basic pruning for the maples. For help with root pruning your container trees see our Photo Essay in the Photo Gallery. And please call us if you have any questions.*

*Tried and true, the products we use here in the nursery.*

## 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

## Dyna-Gro 'Grow' Liquid Fertilizer

Liquid Grow from Dyna-Gro is an excellent choice for fertilizing trees in containers. 'Grow' provides complete nutrition with all 6 macronutrients as well as 10 micronutrients. A liquid fertilizer providing all that is needed for your trees. The lower nitrogen to phosphorus ratio promotes slow steady growth and strong roots. Lower soluble salts reduce the salt build up so common from liquid fertilizer and a problem particularly for maples. We use Dyna-Gro 'Grow' on all of our young trees here at the nursery at a rate of 1/2 teaspoon per gallon 1 time per week.

Dyna-Gro 'Grow' 8oz. \$6.00

Dyna-Gro 'Grow' 32 oz. \$20.00

## Dyna-Gro ProteKt

ProteKt provides higher levels of silicon and potassium to build stronger cell walls for protection against environmental stresses such as heat and wind. Our friends in the hot, dry Southwestern United States have found using ProteKt consistently will reduce and even eliminate leaf burn. Use at 1/2 teaspoon per gallon every watering for best results.

Dyna-Gro ProteKt \$8.00

## Silky PocketBoy 130 fine

The PocketBoy 130 mm, fine teeth is a compact lightweight folding saw with an extraordinary cutting capacity made by SilkySaws, manufacturers of the highest quality available. A delight to use, the blade features rust-resistant, hard chrome-plated blade with an impulse-hardened non-set tooth design, 22 teeth per inch, for a smooth clean cut. A rubber handle provides a sure, comfortable grip and the plastic flip-lock carrying case with belt clip adds convenience in the garden.

Silky Pocket Boy 130-fine \$28.00

## Phytech 50 Cut Paste

My mother said the best time to prune is early and often so we all carry our Gardencut shears and a tube of Phytech 50 in our pockets when we're working in the nursery. Phytech 50 is a lanolin based cut paste that protects wounds from insects and disease while still allowing the tissue to breathe. I've seen one application of Phytech 50 in place for over a year as a difficult wound healed on a favorite tree. I appreciate that the neutral beige color doesn't draw attention to the wound as it heals. All of our cuts over 1/4 inch are treated with Phytech 50.

Phytech 50 Tube \$6.00

## Superthrive

A little bit goes a long way to insure success any time you are working with the roots. A vitamin and hormone supplement, whether potting up, root pruning or transplanting a soak in Superthrive stimulates the plant to grow preventing shock issues. This product has been around for a long time and it works!

Superthrive 2 oz. \$6.00

## GardenCut Shears

GardenCut Shears have incredibly sharp carbon-steel blades that can cut 1/2 inch branches quite readily and strong pointed tips that permit snipping in very tight spaces. They are also almost indestructible. Even in our greenhouses, where they get watered regularly right along with the trees, they last for years. Bright red handles help you find them, and cushion your grip. They are great for keeping your container trees well groomed, as well as many other chores you need them for.

Gardencut Shears \$15.00

## Phyton 27 Bactericide & Fungicide

Phyton 27 is a systemic, broad spectrum bactericide and fungicide. I recommend a drench of 1 teaspoon per gallon to saturate the roots in the spring when the leaves begin to emerge and again in the fall before fall color begins. This maintenance application provides a barrier against infection. Phyton 27 is also effective in the treatment of active infections with a foliar spray at a rate of 1/2 tsp. per gallon, three times at 10 day intervals. This preventative maintenance program along with our good cultural practices has virtually eliminated disease in the nursery.

Phyton 27 2oz \$20.00

## 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.





*The 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!*

# 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.

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

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

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

CA, OR, NV, WA		Other Continental United States	
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## How to Order

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

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

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

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

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

We look forward to hearing from you.

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