

Japanese Maple Varieties

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Palmatum Group – Standard Japanese Maples

A. palmatum (*Green Japanese Maple*) ☼

The standard green Japanese maple, excellent upright form, with light green leaves that turn shades of yellow, orange and bronze-red in fall. 20 x 20'

A. p. 'Aka shigitatsu sawa' ('Beni shigitatsu sawa')

Unusual serrated leaves with deep green veins over a pale green background, tinged with pink and red tones. Slow growing, spreading habit. 10'

A. p. 'Arakawa' *Rough Bark Maple*

Corky and fissured bark graces this strongly upright growing tree. Large green leaves turn gold in autumn. 20'

A. p. 'Aratama'

Upright dwarf habit, leaves emerge dark red and mature to dark purple, some dark green undertones. Similar form to 'Shaina'. Leaf lobes form long tapered points. The leaves lie somewhat flat against stems creating a dense appearance. 8'

A. p. 'Beni hime' ("Red Princess") ❖

Dwarf shrubby habit with small, rounded star shaped leaves. Pinkish-red new growth and red margins on green base. Remains both red and green through summer. Becomes more intensely red and purple in fall. Slow growth to 3-4'.

A. p. 'Beni shichihenge' ("Red and Changeful") ❖

Similar to 'Butterfly' but more deep pink color in the leaves. Grey-green leaves have predominantly pink margins, though white margins are also common. This very striking color contrast blends to an orange-gold in fall. A slow growing, shrubby tree to 15'.

A. p. 'Bloodgood'

Vigorous upright habit, large deeply cut red leaves which turn to a brighter red in fall. Strong growing to 20 x 20'.

A. p. 'Bonfire' ('Akaji nishiki', 'Seigai') ☼

Small upright tree. Glossy leaves emerge bright red and fade to green. Nice multicolor effect all summer. Brilliant red in fall. Dense growth to 10'.

A. p. 'Butterfly' ('Kocho nishiki', 'Kocho no mai') ❖

Upright form with small green leaves edged by white and soft pink. Margins turn brighter pink in autumn. Small tree to 12'.

A. p. 'Coonara Pygmy'

Very dwarf, rounded dense habit. Showy pink new growth. Small, serrated bright green leaves turn orange to pastel pink late in the season. Slow growing to 4-6'.

A. p. 'Corallinum' ('Coralliformis')

Glossy, bright pink new growth fades delicately to green as leaves age. New flushes of leaves ensure a brightly bicolored tree all season. Dense and compact grower to 10 x 3'.

A. p. 'Emperor I' ('Red Emperor') ☼

Upright maple, similar to 'Bloodgood'. Dark red-purple leaves turn scarlet in fall. 15 x 15'

A. p. 'Fireglow' ('Effigi') ☼

Upright maple, similar to 'Bloodgood' but with brighter red fall coloration. New leaves are slightly more pink than 'Bloodgood'. 12'

A. p. 'Goshiki kotohime' ("Dwarf Multi-colored Old Harp") ☼

Dwarf tree with tiny leaves which remain close to branches, somewhat similar to 'Shishigashira'. Leaves emerge coral-pink and fade to a light green. Fall color ranges from bright yellow to red, often simultaneously. Quite striking. 4 x 8'

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A. p. 'Hogyoku' ('Yog saku', "A Jewel") ❧

Sturdy, upright tree with pale bark. Leaves are green in summer, but turn to a brilliant show of orange and yellow in the fall. 15-20'

A. p. 'Japanese Sunrise' ❧❧

Similar to '*Sango kaku*', but coral-orange colored bark is slightly more pale. Light green leaves appear on orangish-yellow stems. More gold and crimson in fall. Upright to 20'.

A. p. 'Jiro shidare' ❧

A wonderful addition, this tree's overall habit is mushroom-like. Coral and yellow leaves emerge onto upright branches which cascade with age. Leaves mature to green then turn beautiful shades of gold and red in fall. 10'

A. p. 'Kamagata' Eagle Claw Maple ❧

Small leaves with long angular lobes emerge with a red margin on a light green leaf. Mid-summer color is bright green before turning intense orange and yellow in fall. Slow grower with soft appearance. Dwarf dense habit to 10'.

A. p. 'Kasagi yama' ("Kasagi Mountain") ❧

Dusky-red spring leaves are mottled with pink. In late summer, veins and edges turn to green and red. Fall foliage returns to red. 16'

A. p. 'Katsura' ('Katsura yatsubusa', "Wig") ❧

Beautiful bright yellow leaves with coral tones into summer. Leaves fade to soft green before turning brilliant gold and orange in autumn. New branches turn vibrant coral-orange in winter. Upright tree to 20'.

A. p. 'Kihachijo' ("From Hachijo Island") ❧

Serrated, shiny leaves are held close to branches, giving a layered effect. Leaves are green in the summer, but turn to bright golden with orange, red and purple tones in autumn. Upright grower to 25'.

A. p. 'Kiyohime' ❧❧

Small, star shaped leaves on a vigorous but dense, compact grower. Rich green leaves emerge with bright red-orange margins around yellow centers. Fall color is yellow-orange. 6'

A. p. 'Koto no ito' ('Latilobatum', "Harp Strings")

The name translates to "Strings of a Harp" which refers to the very thin leaf lobes which hang from the branches. The light green leaves are very delicate looking, as is the entire small tree. Gold with deep orange shades in fall. 10'

A. p. 'Mikawa yatsubusa' ("Mikawa Dwarf")

Large, overlapping leaves make this maple quite unusual. Bright yellow new growth matures to rich green. Very striking, slow growing dwarf to 6'.

A. p. 'Okushimo' ('Okushimo Crispa', A. p. var *crispa* 'Okushimo', "The Pepper and Salt Leaf")

Fantastic and unusual! Green star shaped leaves where each lob rolls up onto itself (creating a silver edged star effect) are supported on red petioles. Very upright grower with gold fall color. Excellent for bonsai. 25'

A. p. 'Omure yama' ("Omure Mountain") ❧

Small spreading tree with pendulous branches. Soft green leaves and bright red fall color with touches of gold. Eventually to 20'.

A. p. 'Orange Dream' ❧©

Similar to '*Katsura*' but even more colorful. A nicely branched upright tree, the large leaves begin coral-orange and progress to vibrant yellow with red undertones, eventually maturing to a soft green. Bright gold and coral in fall. 25'

A. p. 'Oregon Sunset' ❧

Large leaves round out the overall shape of this compact grower. Purple red leaves begin as a soft red. In fall, the leaves turn an outstanding orange-red. Upright yet rounded overall form. 12-15'

A. p. 'Orido nishiki' ('Oridono nishiki', "Rich-Colored Fabric of the Master") ❧

Upright tree with bright green leaves with splashes of white and pink. New growth tends to have more white, cream and pink shades. 18'

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A. p. 'Pixie' ☼

Beautiful deep purple-red leaves with longer pointed lobes emerge a reddish-pink. A upright yet compact grower, its leaves lie closely to branches to create a dense appearance. Crimson in autumn. 6 x 6'

A. p. 'Red Pygmy' ☼

Similar to '*Atrolineare*'. Very narrow leaf lobes give these red leaves a strap like look. Leaves are more red to gold as the season ends. Round topped, vase shaped small tree to 6 x 6'.

A. p. 'Sango kaku' ('Senkaki', "Coral Tower") *Coral Bark Maple* ☼❁

Best known for its magnificent coral-pink bark in the winter. An upright grower with medium sized mid-green leaves until fall when they turn a beautiful gold to apricot-orange. Very showy tree with a nice upright form to 25 x 20'.

A. p. 'Scolopendrifolium' ☼

Similar to '*Atrolineare*'. Deeply cut leaves create a lacy overall look to this small tree. Bright red new growth fades to purple. The ribbon like leaves turn red in fall. 15 x 12'

A. p. 'Shaina'☼

A popular compact tree with small, deeply cut leaves that remain close to branches. Leaves begin a bright red and mature to a deep reddish-purple and magenta in fall. Upright and densely branching to 8 x 8'.

A. p. 'Sharp's Pygmy' ☼

A dwarf tree with very compact growth. Small, serrated, green leaves turn brilliant yellow and scarlet-orange in autumn. 3'

A. p. 'Shin deshojo' ("New Deshōjō")

Tiny new leaves are bright red but as they fade slightly and pick up green tones the overall effect is soft and silvery. Orange-red in fall. Rounded shrubby habit to 9 x 6'.

A. p. 'Shira Red'

New leaves are bright purple-red, and fade to silvery soft purple. In autumn the leaves turn bronze. Attractive upright habit to 20'.

A. p. 'Shishigashira' ('Ribescifolium', 'Mejishi') *Lion's Head Maple* ☼

Small bright green leaves curl tightly against branches. Densely packed leaves create a striking appearance on the dwarf, upright tree which turns brilliant gold with some red and pink shades in autumn. Slow growing to 15 x 10'.

A. p. 'Shishio Improved' ('Chishio Improved') ☼

A small leaved tree with vibrant crimson-pink new growth which matures to a bright green. Pink-red fall color. Vigorous shrubby growth to 15'.

A. p. 'Tiger Rose' ❖ ☼

Very prominent leaf veins set this tree apart, especially when leaves take on a pink tinge. In shade, dark green veins are showy against soft green leaves. In sun, leaves are almost white with dark veins and purplish margins. Yellow-orange in autumn. 6 x 4'

A. p. 'Tobiosho' ☼

Brilliant red fall color. Small medium green leaves have bright red petioles. New growth is coral and yellow. Upright growth to 10-20'.

A. p. 'Tsuma gaki' ❖

The new growth on this tree is fantastic. Large leaves begin with deep red margins and lobe tips surrounding a pale cream or soft yellow-green. As they age the leaves become a chartreuse-green with reddish-purple tips. Crimson fall color on a rounded tree. 8'

A. p. 'Ukigumo *Floating Cloud Maple* ❖

Colorful small leaves are a mottled combination of white and pink on bright green. Very soft, pretty look. Purplish-bronze fall coloration. Upright vase-like habit to 12 x 8'.

A. p. 'Villa Taranto'

Narrow, ribbon-like leaves of red fade to purple and deep green. Very pretty. Gold fall color. 6 x 3'

Dissecum Group – Laceleaf Japanese Maples

A. p. dissectum ‘Baby Lace’

Small very finely dissected leaves emerge a pinkish-red fading to a bronze-green. Fall color is more reddish with hints of pink and orange. A delicate looking maple as leaves have an airy, spider like appearance. Remains quite dwarf to 3-4’

A. p. d. ‘Crimson Queen’

A lovely lace leaf maple with deep purple-red color and a nice cascading habit. Holds color well in heat and turns deep scarlet in fall. 6 x 8’

A. p. d. ‘Ever Red’ or ‘Everred’

A cascading lace leaf maple with nice medium red color which fades slightly towards bronze in mid-summer. Autumn turns the leaves a brighter bronze-red. 12 x 18’

A. p. d. ‘Filigree’

A small variegated dissectum with very finely cut leaves. Soft green color in spring turns gold for autumn. Best when seen up close due to the double dissectum style leaves with lighter specks and pronounced veins. 6 x 9’

A. p. d. ‘Garnet’

Deep red leaves in a pendulous spreading habit. Bright red in fall. One of the faster and larger growing lace leaf maples, to 12 x 12’.

A. p. d. ‘Inaba shidare’ (“Cascading Rice Plant-like Leaf”)

Rich maroon laceleaf with a cascading habit that is a bit more upright than most. Crimson in fall. Faster growing than other red laceleafs but to a maximum of 7 x 10’.

A. p. d. ‘Orangeola’ ☼

Leaves emerge an orangish-red then fade to dark red. Heavy shade encourages a deep green cast. It is a beautiful effect enhanced by leaves that are a bit more glossy than most of the reddish-purple varieties of laceleaf. Bright red-orange in autumn in a long lasting vibrant display. Branches cascade nicely. 8 x 7’.

A. p. d. ‘Red Dragon’ ☼

A beautiful weeping laceleaf with new red leaves which mature to purple-red. Rich red in fall. 10 x 10’

A. p. d. ‘Seiryu’ (“Blue-green Dragon”)

A very attractive upright growth form with small, lacy green leaves until autumn when leaves turn red and gold with tones of purple. 25 x 15’

A. p. d. ‘Select Red’ or ‘Red Select’

Rich reddish-purple finely cut leaves with a habit that is a bit more upright than other red cutleafs. Crimson in fall. 8 x 8’

A. p. d. ‘Tamuke yama’ ☼

A rich red-purple colored laceleaf which holds the color well through summer. Leaves emerge slightly more red, then fall color is brilliant red. A faster grower to 13’.

A. p. d. ‘Toyama nishiki’

Very unusual coloration that varies from purple to red to green with many streaks of white all on the same leaf. Fall color includes gold, bronze, red and purple. Slow growing mounding habit to 5-10’, may sunburn.

A. p. d. ‘Viridis’ ☼

The most common laceleaf maple with bright green leaves. Turns yellow-gold with hints of orange and red in autumn. Cascading habit to 10 x 10’.

A. p. d. ‘Waterfall’ ☼

Another green laceleaf, but leaves are larger than ‘Viridis’ and branches cascade more. Gold fall color with traces of orange and scarlet. 8 x 10’

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Other Ornamental Maples

Acer circinatum *Vine Maple*

Small spreading tree with 4-5" green leaves which turn gorgeous gold and orange with red tones in fall. Native to North America. 15 x 20'

A. japonicum 'Aconitifolium' ('Maiku jaku', "Dancing Peacock") *Fern-leaf Full Moon Maple* ☼

Upright yet bushy habit, with large rounded, fernlike, rich green leaves that turn scarlet in fall. 15 x 15'

A. j. 'Green Cascade' *Fern-leaf Full Moon Maple* ☼

Weeping form of japonicum, with more substantial leaves and more intense color than 'Viridis'. Medium green color turns a concentrated yellowish-gold to crimson in autumn. 20 x 20'

A. j. 'Ō isami' ('Taiyō')

Spring leaves emerge green and deepen to a richer green for summer. Leaves are large and round, displaying outstanding tones of red, yellow and scarlet blend for fall foliage presentation. 15'

A. shirasawanum 'Aureum' *Golden Full Moon Maple* ☼☉

Beautiful tree with bright yellow leaves. Leaves have many more lobes than a palmatum, giving the leaves a rounded appearance. In shade, the leaves will be more chartreuse, then orange-red in fall. Upright and bushy growth to 20 x 15'.

A. shirasawanum 'Autumn Moon' ☼☉

Similar to 'Aureum' in leaf shape and habit but the leaves are tinged with bronzy-orange becoming more prominently orange-red in fall. 20 x 15'