

A Guide to Japanese Maples at Alpha Nursery



Acer palmatum varieties:



A. p. 'Aka shigitatsu sawa'

Looking for something different? Here is a unique maple with good seasonal interest. It's got deeply lobed leaves that emerge a striking maroon in Spring before fading to pale green-yellow tinged with pinks and reds with dark green veins. Slower growing, spreading habit. 10'-12' H X 12'-15' W. Zone 5.

A. p. 'Beni shichihenge'

Like 'Butterfly' but with more pink tones in the margins of the variegated green-gray foliage. Fades to yellows and oranges for fall color. This upright shaped maple reaches 15' high and makes a nice contrast against dark evergreens in the garden. Zone 5.



A. p. 'Bloodgood'

A classic red upright maple. Deeply cut red leaves turn from a dark crimson-red to a brighter red in the fall. Provides a very nice color splash in a variety of landscape situations. Grows relatively quickly to 20' H X 20' W. Zone 5.

A. p. 'Butterfly'

Upright maple with variegated leaves. Gray-green foliage has a white margin with hues of pink that are more prominent in cooler weather of late spring and fall. Smaller tree will reach 10-12' in height. Zone 5.



A. p. 'Emperor I'



Dark red-purple foliage on an upright similar to 'Bloodgood'. Leaves turn to a bright scarlet in the fall. Grows to form an airy tree that is approximately 15' H X 15' W. Attractive dark colored bark also gives this tree multi-seasonal interest. Zone 5.

A. p. 'Fireglow'

Also similar to 'Bloodgood', this vase-shaped upright red maple has more pink in juvenile foliage and brighter red fall color. Moderate grower to approximately 15' in height. Zone 5.



A. p. 'Koto no ito'

The delicate light green leaves of this maple are very thinly lobed, giving it an almost bamboo like appearance. Fall coloration includes an array of deep oranges, golds and even some reds. Unique, small, shrubby tree that grows to approximately 10' H X 10' W. Zone 5.

A. p. 'Omureyama'

A nice green Japanese maple that contrasts nicely with red maples. Forms a small spreading tree with slightly drooping branches. Bright red fall color with touches of gold. Matures to 20' H X 20' W. Zone 5.



A. p. 'Osakazuki'

Best known for its intense crimson fall coloration which some say is the best fall color of all palmatum. Large leaves maintain a green color throughout the summer, and seem to have less sun burn than other varieties. 20' H X 20' W. Zone 5.



A. p. 'Sangu Kaku'

"Coral bark maple" is an upright grower known for its coral colored bark during winter months. Green-yellow leaves fade to gold and eventually orange in the fall. Great multi-seasonal interest! Grows to 20-25' high and wide. Zone 5.

A. p. 'Scolopendrifolium'

Lacy leaves are deeply cut and a dark crimson-purple color. New growth emerges a very bright red on this smaller shrubby shaped maple. Matures around 15' H X 12' W. Zone 5.



A. p. 'Shaina'

A sport of 'Bloodgood' this maple is a densely branching dwarf cultivar. Bright red leaves fade to a deep reddish-purple and eventually a magenta color in the fall. This small upright grows to 8' H X 8' W. Zone 6.



A. p. 'Suminagashi'

A broad, upright tree with deeply divided, large red-purple leaves. Foliage becomes mottled red in summer, finishing the season with a brilliant red. Good durability. 15' H X 15' W. Zone 5.

A. p. 'Shishio Improved'

Vigorous shrubby maple with small greenish leaves. New growth is bright crimson-pink and fall color is a showy pink-red. Roundish shape tree grows to 15' H X 15' W. Zone 5.



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