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JAPANESE MAPLES

Japanese maples (*Acer palmatum*) and their relatives offer a large group of plants that can be adapted to almost any garden style and situation. In fact, a wonderful garden could be constructed entirely around a collection of maples. Height, habit, leaf form, seasonal color and interesting bark vary widely through the numerous cultivars. This offers opportunities for interplay with other plants.

Maples flourish in humus-rich, well-drained soil. While they are reasonably drought tolerant once established, supplemental water during summer dry spells results in stronger growth and a generally healthier tree. Fertilize in early spring with a balanced fertilizer such as Dr. Earth All Purpose fertilizer. Maples can be pruned judiciously, with an eye to enhancing a plant's overall shape and natural beauty. If possible, avoid gardening underneath a Japanese maple – damage to the roots can be an entry point for a maples greatest foe – the soil-borne fungus called verticillium wilt.

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ACER PALMATUM CULTIVARS

Acer palmatum (JAPANESE MAPLE) In general, Japanese maples are medium-growing, vase-like trees that grow to 15 to 20 feet tall and 12 to 15 feet wide in about ten years. Over time, they can get much larger. They are adaptable to sun or part shade and are hardy to -10°F. Fall color varies through shades of yellow, orange and red.

The following list gives more information on specific cultivars. Many of those with pale or variegated leaves need afternoon shade or filtered light to keep the leaves from burning. The slow-growing cultivars do well in containers. The following list is organized by approximate size: laceleaf varieties, dwarf varieties, small trees, and medium trees. Other specialty maples such as *Acer shirasawanum* are listed at the end.

ACER PALMATUM DISSECTUM (LACELEAF) VARIETIES

Acer palmatum dissectum (JAPANESE LACELEAF MAPLE) In general, Japanese laceleaf maples are slow-growing, mounding or cascading small trees with finely dissected foliage. They do very well in containers.

‘Burgundy Lace’ Medium-growing vase-like tree. Height 10-12 feet; width 4-6 feet. Likes sun or part shade. Hardy to -10°F. Deeply cut burgundy to bronze leaves. Does well in containers. **Protect from hot sun.**

‘Crimson Queen’ Height 3-6 feet; width 5-6 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -25°F. Dark red leaves all summer—bright scarlet in fall. Most popular laceleaf maple.

‘Filigree’ Height 4-5 feet—spread 5-6 feet. Likes partial shade. Particularly beautiful in spring and fall. Pale yellowish-green foliage is delicately flecked with pale gold or cream. Rich gold fall color. Silvery green bark striped or flecked with white adds winter interest.

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‘Lemon Lime Lace’ Medium-growing mounding tree. Height 6-12 feet; width 6-12 feet. Likes sun to part shade. Hardy to -10°F. Threadleaf foliage emerges bright yellow, changes to lime green. Orange fall color. **Protect from hot sun.**

‘Orangeola’ Height 3-5 feet; width 4-6 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -10°F. Red color fades a bit in summer, and then turns brilliant orange-red in fall.

‘Red Dragon’ Height and width 3-4 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -10°F. Deepest red laceleaf maple—perhaps the best red color in any Japanese maple. Scarlet in fall.

‘Spring Delight’ Medium-growing mounding shrub. Height 4-6 feet; width 5-7 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -15°F. Pale green leaves have purple tips. Gold-orange in fall.

‘Viridis’ (GREEN LACELEAF MAPLE) Height 2-6 feet; width 3-6 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -10°F. Intense light green color all summer. Yellow and orange in fall.

‘Waterfall’ Height 3-4 feet; width 4-5 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to 0°F. Flowing appearance to leaves. Bright yellow in fall. Does well in containers.

ACER PALMATUM SHRUBBY & DWARF VARIETIES (UNDER 8’)

‘Beni Hime’ Slow-growing, bushy tree. Height 3-4 feet; width 2-3 feet. Full sun. Hardy to 0°F. Pink to rusty red star-shaped leaves turn vibrant red in fall. Great bonsai subject. Does well in containers.

‘Bihou’ Slow-growing, upright tree. Height 7-8 feet; width 3-4 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -20°F. Tiny foliage is yellow green; bright golden-yellow fall color. Twigs and branches have vivid coral to yellow bark in winter. Does well in containers.

‘Coonara Pygmy’ Slow-growing, dense rounded shrub. Height 3-4 feet; width 4-5 feet. Likes sun or part shade. Hardy to -15°F. Natural globe-shape. Bright green foliage. Orange and red fall color. Does well in containers.

‘Corallinum’ Medium-growing, dense, rounded tree. Height 5-7 feet; width 5-7 feet. Likes sun or part shade. Hardy to 0°F. Stunning shrimp pink spring foliage turning green. Scarlet fall color. Does well in containers.

‘Ginshi’ Slow-growing, upright tree. Height 7-8 feet; width 3-4 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -20°F. Great red linearlobum form. Brilliant crimson fall color.

‘Goshiki-koto-hime’ (DWARF HARP JAPANESE MAPLE) Slow-growing, upright tree. Height 30-36 inches; width 30-36 inches. Likes sun or part shade. Crinkly leaves; new growth is white and pink. Good fall color. Does well in containers. Rare dwarf form.

‘Inaba-shidare’ Height 3-4 feet; width 4-5 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to 0°F. One of the darkest purple-red laceleaves—holds color all summer. Brilliant crimson in fall.

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‘Kandy Kitchen’ Medium-growing, upright tree. Height 5-7 feet; spread 4-5 feet. Likes sun to part shade. Hardy to 0°F. Good dark red color holds well on this dwarf tree. Does well in containers.

‘Karasugawa’ (PINK-LEAFED JAPANESE MAPLE) Slow-growing, upright tree. Height 6-8 feet; width 4-6 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to 0°F. New leaves bright pink and white. Good fall color. Does well in containers. Spectacular specimen plant. **Protect from hot sun.**

‘Kasagiyama’ Slow-growing, mounding tree. Height 3-5 feet; width 4-5 feet. Likes sun or part shade. Hardy to -20°F. Brick red to salmon-colored leaves with green by veins—very unusual variegated variety. Color varies in sun or shade. Good fall color. Does well in containers.

‘Katsura’ Slow-growing, rounded tree. Height 6-8 feet; width 4-6 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to 0°F. Yellow-orange new growth turns green in summer, orange and yellow in fall. Does well in containers.

‘Kiyohime’ Slow-growing, rounded shrub. Height 4-5 feet—spread 3-4 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to 0°F. Great for a small yard. Very dense and compact. Orange-tinged new growth turns rich green, then yellow-orange in fall. Does well in containers.

‘Koto No Ito’ Slow-growing, upright tree. Height 6-8 feet; width 4-5 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to 0°F. Narrow green leaves turn shades of yellow in fall. Does well in containers.

‘Mikawa Yatsubusa’ (MIKAWA DWARF JAPANESE MAPLE) Slow-growing, mounding tree. Height 4-5 feet; width 3-4 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -10°F. Very dense and compact—wonderful shape. Light green leaves overlay each other like shingles on a roof. Light yellow in fall. Does well in containers. Excellent bonsai subject.

‘Peaches and Cream’ Slow-growing, upright tree. Height 6-8 feet; width 4-6 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -10°F. New leaves are greenish cream with rose overlay and green veins. Gold to buff fall color. Does well in containers.

‘Pixie’ Medium-growing, rounded tree. Height 6-9 feet; width 5-8 feet. Likes sun. Hardy to -10°F. Very attractive form with dark red leaves. Maroon fall color. Does well in containers.

‘Shaina’ Very slow-growing dwarf shrub. Becomes about 7-10 feet high and 4-5 feet after decades. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -10°F. A dwarf, compact sport of ‘Bloodgood’. Becomes dense with maturity. Deep red leaves turn crimson in fall. Does well in containers.

‘Shidava Gold’ Height 4-6 feet; width 3-4 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to 0°F. Pea green bark and green foliage—bark sets off yellow fall color particularly well. Does well in containers.

‘Shishigashira’ Immediately recognizable due to its tight habit and crinkled foliage. Slow-growing, upright tree. Height 4-6 feet; width 2-3 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to 0°F. Bright green leaves turn orange in fall. Among the very last Japanese maples to change colors and drop its leaves. Good patio tree or bonsai. Does well in containers.

‘Shishio Hime’ Slow-growing, rounded tree. Height 6-8 feet; width 4-6 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -10°F. New foliage is chartreuse tipped with red, turning green in summer. Yellow, orange, to red fall color. Good bonsai or rock garden subject. Does well in containers.

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‘Skeeter’s Broom’ Slow-growing, narrowly upright tree. Height 4-5 feet; width 3-4 feet. Likes sun. Hardy to -10°F. Bright red foliage turns purple-red; holds color well through the summer. Rich red fall color. Excellent patio plant or bonsai.

‘Tiger Rose’ Slow-growing tree. Height 5-6 feet; width 4-5 feet. Sun or part shade. Light green leaves with prominent veins. Does well in containers.

‘Uncle Ghost’ Slow-growing, cascading tree. Likes partial shade. Deeply divided leaves are pinky apricot in spring, pale in summer with darker veins. Great in containers. **Protect from hot sun to prevent sunburn.**

ACER PALMATUM SMALL VARIETIES (8-15’)

‘Amber Ghost’ Slow-growing, upright tree. Height 8-12 feet; width 8-10 feet. Likes part shade. Hardy to 0°F. Most vigorous of the ‘Ghost’ series. Leaves start out red, fading to amber before taking on more green tones with distinctive veins. Bright orange-and-red fall color. Does well in containers.

‘Ariadne’ Slow-growing, vase-like tree. Height 8-10 feet; width 8-10 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -10°F. Leaves open soft peachy red with a marbled background, mature into red veins on purple-red background. Fall color is peachy orange with dark-pink to red margins.

‘Beni Shi-en’ (RED SMOKE JAPANESE MAPLE) Medium-growing, upright tree. Height 8-12 feet; width 4-6 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to 0°F. Deeply divided leaves emerge rosy red, turning purple, then to medium green with light green midrib. Pinkish hues in late summer turn golden in fall.

‘Elegans’ Slow-growing, rounded tree. Height and width about 12 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to 0°F. Deeply lobed leaves emerge olive-green with dark margins, mature to dark green. Fall foliage is brilliant orange tinted with scarlet.

‘Emperor I’ (AKA ‘Red Emperor’) Medium-growing, open, airy tree. Height 12-15 feet; width 8-12 feet. Likes sun to part shade. Hardy to -20°F. Similar to ‘Bloodgood’ but holds its red foliage color better into late summer. Crimson in fall.

‘Enkan’ Medium-growing slender tree. Height 6-10 feet; width 4-5 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -10°F. Linearlobed red leaves hold color well in summer. Gold fall color.

‘Fireglow’ Slow-growing, vase-like tree. Height 12-15 feet; width 10-12 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -20°F. Burgundy-red leaves hold color well. Good fall color. Does well in containers.

‘Hogyoku’ Medium-growing upright tree. Height 12-15 feet; width 6-9 feet. Likes sun to part shade. Hardy to -10°F. Round bright green leaves. Pumpkin orange fall color. Does well in containers.

‘Japanese Sunrise’ Medium-growing, upright tree. Height 12-14 feet; width 8-12 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -10°F. Showy red to yellow stems. In general, ‘Japanese Sunrise’ is more coral than ‘Sangu-kaku’. Green foliage in summer; butterscotch fall color. Fall color best in full sun.

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‘Kagiri-nishiki’ Slow-growing, upright tree. Height 10-12 feet; width 5-6 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -5°F. Small green leaves have rose and cream colored edges. Orange-gold fall color.

‘Ki hachijo’ Medium-growing rounded tree. Height 10-12 feet; width 8-10 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -10°F. Bright green leaves become gold with rosy tones in fall. As tree ages, bark becomes streaked with white. Does well in containers.

‘Omurayama’ Slow-growing, weeping tree. Height 10-12 feet; width 12-15 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -10°F. Graceful weeping branches—almost willow-like. (Young plants are upright.) Green foliage. Gold and crimson fall color. Does well in containers.

‘Orange Dream’ Vigorous-growing, upright tree. Height 12-15 feet—spread 8-10 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -10°F. Bright orange new growth turns lemon-yellow tipped with red. Slowly turns to yellow green in summer, then bright yellow-gold in fall. Does well in containers.

‘Oshu-shidare’ Medium-growing, rounded tree. Height 8-10 feet; width 10-12 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to 0°F. Pendulous branches. Purple-red, deeply cut leaves turn crimson in fall. Does well in containers.

‘Purple Ghost’ Medium-growing tree. Height 10-12 feet. Sun or part shade. Purple leaves with black veins. Does well in containers.

‘Red Flash’ Medium-growing, upright tree. Height 9-12 feet; width 5-7 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -20°F. Red leaves in early spring turn deep purple-red in summer, vivid red in fall.

‘Red Wood’ Medium-growing, upright tree. Height 8-12 feet; width 4-8 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to 0°F. A redder form of coral-bark maple that is said to hold its red bark better as it ages. Yellow fall color. Does well in containers.

‘Rhode Island Red’ Medium-growing, upright tree. Height 10-12 feet; width 6-10 feet. Likes sun or partial shade. Hardy to 0°F. Bright red in spring, purple red in summer, fiery red in fall.

‘Roseomarginatum’ Medium-growing, upright tree. Height 8-12 feet; width 6-8 feet. Likes sun. Hardy to 5°F. Small green leaves have rose and cream colored edges. Orange-gold fall color.

‘Ruby Ridge’ Medium-growing upright tree. Height 6-10 feet; width 4-6 feet. Likes partial shade. Hardy to 0°F. More shrub like form with large red leaves. Does well in containers.

‘Saoshika’ Medium-growing rounded tree. Height and width 10-12 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to 0°F. Dense shrubby habit. Star-shaped fresh green leaves turn orangy yellow in fall. Does well in containers.

‘Seiryu’ One of the few laceleaf Japanese maples with an upright habit. Slow-growing, vase-shaped tree. Height 12-15 feet; width 6-10 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -10°F. Green foliage has a delicate and graceful effect. Light-gold fall color. Does well in containers.

‘Shirazz’ Slow-growing tree is upright when young, becomes gracefully arching with age. Height 10-15 feet; width 8-10 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to 0°F. Multi-colored leaves display blends of pink, green, and creamy white. Fall colors are tones of crimson to scarlet.

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‘Suminagashi’ Medium-growing vase-like tree. Height 8-10 feet; width 3-5 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to 0°F. Bright purple-red in spring, becoming very deep maroon, then crimson in fall. Small red flowers followed by red samaras. Does well in containers.

‘Tobiosho’ (ISELI’S RED JAPANESE MAPLE) Medium growing upright tree. Height 12-15 feet—width 6-8 feet. Sun or part shade; fall color most intense in sun. Hardy to -10°F. Dense canopy of green leaves—spectacular fall display. Foliage turns gold, orange, and red in turn, ending pure vivid scarlet.

‘Trompenburg’ Fast growing upright tree. Height 15-25 feet; width 12-15 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to 0°F. Glossy deep red-purple leaves take full sun. Leaf edges curl downward. Small red flowers in spring. Scarlet fall color.

‘Tsukushigata’ Medium-growing rounded tree. Height 10-12 feet; width 6-8 feet. Likes sun. Hardy to -10°F. Leaves emerge shining purple, becoming dull purple in summer and crimson in fall. Does well in containers. **Leaves turn green in shade.**

‘Tsuma Gaki’ Medium-growing upright tree. Height 8-10 feet; width 4-5 feet. Likes partial shade. Hardy to 0°F. Yellow green leaves with purple tips. Yellow/crimson fall color.

‘Twombly’s Red Sentinel’ Medium-growing columnar tree. Height 8-14 feet—spread 6-10 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to 0°F. Deep red leaves; bright red fall color.

‘Ukigumo’ (FLOATING CLOUD JAPANESE MAPLE) Slow-growing, upright tree. Height 8-12 feet; width 4-6 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to 0°F. Beautiful landscape specimen—foliage is pastel pink, green, and white. Does well in containers. **Protect from hot sun to prevent sunburn.**

‘Villa Taranto’ Slow-growing, mounding tree. Height 12-15 feet; width 12-15 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -10°F. Wonderful ornamental tree. Foliage is green with light reddish overtones. Does well in containers.

‘Wetumpka Red’ Medium-growing upright tree. Height 8-10 feet; width 4-6 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -10°F. Dark red foliage all summer on a thick grower.

‘Will’s Devine’ Medium-growing upright tree. Height 10-12 feet; width 4-5 feet. Sun or part shade. Highly variegated—leaves are various combinations of green, red, pink, and white.

‘Winter Flame’ Slow-growing, bushy tree. Like a smaller (7 – 9 feet) ‘Sango Kaku’—striking coral bark in winter. Does well in containers.

ACER PALMATUM MEDIUM VARIETIES (15+)

‘Arakawa’ (ROUGH BARK JAPANESE MAPLE) Medium-growing upright tree. Height 15-20 feet; width 10-15 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -5°F. Green leaves turn yellow in fall. Rough bark turns corky with age.

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‘Beni kawa’ (RED BARK JAPANESE MAPLE) Medium-growing rounded tree. Height 15-20 feet; width 12-15 feet. Likes sun. Hardy to -20°F. Green leaves in summer; yellow fall color. Winter bark is purer red than Coral bark Maple—colors at a younger age. Does well in containers.

‘Bloodgood’ Medium-growing, vase-like tree. Height 15-20 feet; width 15-18 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -10°F. Bright red samaras. Excellent dark-red leaf color all summer. Good fall color, usually crimson. Does well in containers. Very popular cultivar.

‘Margaret Bee’ Medium-growing upright tree. Height 15-20 feet; width 10-12 feet. Purple-red foliage holds well through the summer. Bright red fall color. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -10°F.

‘Mizuho Beni’ Medium-growing upright tree. Height 15-18 feet; width 12-14 feet. Likes sun to part shade. Hardy to 0°F. Orange-yellow leaves with dark pink leaf edges in spring. A great addition to the katsura group.

‘Oridono-nishiki’ Slow-growing, upright tree. Height 15-20 feet; width 10-12 feet. Likes partial shade. Hardy to -10°F. Unique pink, white and green spring foliage—good fall color. Does well in containers.

‘Osakazuki’ (FLAME-LEAF JAPANESE MAPLE) Fast growing upright tree. Height 15-25 feet; width 10-20 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -10°F. Rich green in spring and summer—intense crimson fall color. The best for autumn display! Does well in containers.

‘Osakazuki-no-akame’ (AKAME FLAME-LEAF JAPANESE MAPLE) Medium-growing upright tree. Height 12-20 feet; width 10-20 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -10°F. Rich green in spring and summer—intense crimson fall color. More compact form of ‘Osakazuki’. Does well in containers.

‘Samidare’ Medium-growing, rounded tree. Height 15-18 feet; width 15-20 feet. Likes sun. Hardy to 0°F. New leaves are almost pink, turning rich green in summer, orange-yellow in fall. Does well in containers.

‘Sangu-kaku’ (CORAL-BARK JAPANESE MAPLE) Medium-growing, vase-like tree. Height 15-20 feet; width 8-12 feet. Sun or part shade (although bark color is better in full sun). Hardy to -10°F. Light green leaf turning gold with light red in fall. Coral bark is striking in winter (bark color fades as tree ages). Does well in containers.

‘Yellow Bird’ Medium-growing upright tree. Height 14-18 feet; width 12-14 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to 0°F. Bright green foliage in summer turns yellow on red petioles in fall.

OTHER SPECIALTY MAPLES

***Acer japonicum* ‘Aconitifolium’ (FERNLEAF FULL MOON MAPLE)** Slow-growing, rounded tree. Height and width 10-12 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -10°F. Prominent white and maroon flower in spring. Deeply cut leaves. Excellent scarlet fall color. Does well in containers.

***Acer japonicum* ‘Attaryi’** Medium-growing open-form tree. Height 8-10 feet; spread 10-14 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -10°F. Bright red fall color.

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Acer japonicum ‘Green Cascade’ Slow-growing, weeping shrub. Height 3-5 feet; width 5-7 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -10°F. Brilliant fall color—very finely divided leaves. Does well in containers. Rare and choice variety.

Acer japonicum ‘Vitifolium’ (GRAPE-LEAF JAPANESE MAPLE) Medium-growing rounded tree. Height and width 15-20 feet. Likes partial shade. Hardy to -20°F. Large rich green leaves. Good fall color- gold and scarlet. Does well in containers. **Likes afternoon shade.**

Acer pseudoplatanus ‘Eskimo Sunset’ (ESKIMO SUNSET SYCAMORE MAPLE) Medium-growing upright tree. Height 12-16 feet—spread 8-12 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -20°F. Striking pink leaves speckled with green.

Acer shirasawanum (Aka A. japonicum) ‘Aureum’ (GOLDEN FULL MOON MAPLE) Medium-growing rounded tree. Height 8-10 feet; width 6-8 feet. Part shade. Hardy to -10°F. Yellow leaves all summer. Fall colors of orange through red, sometimes purple. Does well in containers. **Protect from hot sun.**

Acer shirasawanum ‘Autumn Moon’ (AUTUMN MOON FULL MOON MAPLE) Medium-growing rounded tree. Height 8-10 feet; width 6-8 feet. Sun or part shade—cannot take hot sun. Hardy to -10°F. Yellow leaves flush rose in the summer, turning peachy orange in fall.

Acer shirasawanum ‘Johin’ (JOHIN FULL MOON MAPLE) Slow-growing rounded tree. Height 6 feet; width 5 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -10°F. Foliage emerges rich plum brown-purple, maturing to olive green. Fall color is glowing reddish-orange.

Acer shirasawanum ‘Junihitoe’ (JUNIHITOE FULL MOON MAPLE) Short, shrubby tree. Height 10- 12 feet. Sun or part shade. Leaves are rich dark green, turning brilliant orange in the fall.

Acer shirasawanum ‘6910’ (6910 FULL MOON MAPLE) Small tree with compact canopy. Height 7’, width 5 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -20°F. Green leaves turn yellow, orange, and red in fall.