

Maple Descriptions

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***Acer palmatum* (Upright)**

Ao shime no uchi_ - A green leaved linearlobum with red-orange highlights during the Spring. Fall color is yellow-orange. Strong upright grower.

Beni otake - A red leaved linearlobum form almost like bamboo. Outstanding red foliage in Spring holding that color well into Summer.

Beni shichihenge - The best butterfly-type variegated maple for southern growing conditions. The white and green leafed are suffused with pink throughout the growing season.

Bihou – NEW! Bihou exhibits outstanding winter interest with an unusual, golden yellow, peach colored bark. Sunlight and cooler temperatures bring the exposed winter bark to life. Can be used in grouping with other coral bark maples or a against a brick backdrop to show off the bark. Vigorous grower as well. 12-14' in 10 years.

Bloodgood - The standard by which all red upright maple are measured. Holds red color throughout growing season.

Emperor I - A Dick Wolf introduction. Breaks dormancy later (up to two weeks) than other red uprights. Holds a brick-red color well into Summer.

Hefner's Red – A little known red leaf, vase shaped, maple that should be in every Southern garden. When other red forms fade in the heat of our summer, 'Hefner's Red' maintains its deep burgundy color as if it were spring. Should become a mainstay for landscapes from Zones 6-8.

Hogyoku - A green leaf upright that will mature at 12-14 feet. The most outstanding characteristic is the brilliant orange-gold Fall color.

Moonfire - Maybe the best red upright maple to hold color in the South. Smaller in stature than Bloodgood & Emperor I. Outstanding.

Nishiki gawa – Pine-Bark Maple. The rough pine-like bark is the outstanding feature of this unique cultivar. Bright green Summer foliage has a strong yellow Fall color. An upright, bushy tree reaching about 20 feet.

Nuresagi - A red upright maple with an interesting blue-purple cast. Maybe the best maple to hold its color in shade. Medium grower to 12 feet in 10 years.

Orange Dream – A recent introduction from Italy. Brilliant chartreuse golden foliage erupts in the late Spring, slowly fading to light green in Summer. A medium sized tree that tolerates heat in the south. Filtered light is best.

Osakazuki - A large-scale green-leaf maple that will get large over time. The brilliant red Fall color & heavy seed-set make this tree a winner.

Ryusen - (PP18,501) A new maple from Kobayashi Nursery in Japan. A strict weeping green palmatum with red-orange fall color. With training can reach height over 10 feet tall by 4 feet wide. An exciting new maple with many possibilities.

Sango kaku - The well-known coral bark maple. This classic green-leaf form turns yellow in the Fall displaying crimson bark through the winter. A medium, somewhat upright grower.

Scolopendrifolium - An upright green-leafed maple with very narrow bamboo like foliage. Turns brilliant red color lasting well into Fall.

Seiryu -To date, the only upright green-leafed dissected maple. Can get large over time. Beautiful red Fall color. A delicate looking plant for its size. One of the best for the South.

Shishigashira - The 'Lions Head' maple. A very unique form that grows well in the South. The leaf shape is bunched, heavily curled on short, strong branches. Fall color is an apricot-gold mix. Excellent plant for containers or as a unique specimen.

Trompenburg – The dark red leaves have the shape of a cupped eagle's claw. Very unique. Holds color well into Summer.

Tsukasa Silhouette – Will likely become a mainstay in the modern garden. With smaller landscapes becoming the norm, this extremely upright variety will take up minimal space, yet still offer superb ornamental features. Vigorous tree, with bright green summer foliage followed by brilliant red fall color. 20' x 4' with age. Zone 6-9.

Twombly's Red Sentinel - A small-scale maple that is similar to Pixie in growth habit. A good container candidate or for a tight space. Red leaf form has good potential.

***Acer palmatum dissectum* (Threadleaf)**

Baldsmith – Relatively new introduction with bright, orange-red Spring foliage becoming more green-tinged in the center with pink-tinged margins as the season progresses. Bright yellow-orange in the Fall. Has the typical mounded, pendulous habit of most dissectums.

Tamukeyama - The BEST red lace-leaf for the south. Its mounding habit maintains its red color throughout the year ending with brilliant scarlet Fall color.

Viridis - Vigorous green lace-leaf with bright green Spring color. Holds Fall color of orange & red well into Winter.

Waterfall - Slower growing green lace leaf ideal for tight spaces, accent or container culture. Responds well to pruning. Yellow-orange Fall color.

***Acer palmatum* (Dwarf / Shrub)**

Akane – A new introduction in the United States. No flowering shrub rivals 'Akane'. Spring brings gold foliage infused with garnet. As red fades, the gold holds well into Summer when a new surge of gold and red flips the switch on this plant which will be quickly sought after.

Beni hime – The name meaning 'Red Dwarf', Beni hime is one of the smallest selections with red foliage and is ideally suited for container culture and bonsai. Growth habit is dense and compact. Color is most intense in full sun.

Calico - A new introduction similar to Katsura but much smaller in scale. This 6 foot small shrub has brilliant gold & crimson Spring color slowly turning to green. Great for courtyard or smaller garden.

Cynthia's Crown Jewel – A Stanley & Sons introduction, this delicate looking gem is tough as nails. It is sited in full sun in our trial garden with no stress. Coppery red-green leaves are slightly curved to provide a unique display.

Enkan – A new introduction from Korea, this red strapped leaf form will never outgrow the space. The ultimate size of this new variety is unknown but should be a small shrub 8 feet tall and 4-5 feet wide. Stays red in the South.

Fjellheim – This witches broom of the popular Sango Kaku has great potential for small gardens and containers. Its wide, compact nature intensifies the brilliant red stem structure against lime green leaves.

Fukinagashi – First time offered in the United States, this dwarf green leaf linearilobum is perfect for containers and small gardens. A vigorous grower for a dwarf, the plant exhibits copper-gold secondary growth and brilliant red in the Fall.

Kamagata – A J.D. Vertrees introduction. This small, green leaf form will mature as a large shrub or small tree if shaped. Wonderful for the gardener with limited space.

Kandy Kitchen – This red broom constantly changes colors throughout the growing season. Perfect for containers or an accent in the mixed border.

Koto no ito – A compact, green strapped leaf maple with almost thread-like leaves. Leaf sizes vary on plant when vigorously growing. Good yellow Fall color. Means 'Harp Strings'.

Mikawa yatsubusa – A green dwarf with small overlapping leaves. Excellent for bonsai or container growing. Very delicate but grows well in Southern conditions. Very unusual.

Okukuji nishiki – A smaller, almost vase shaped variegated maple. Similar to 'Butterfly' but has more pink and actually grows in the South!

Pixie – A red, upright growing shrub 6 feet in 10 years. Holds color well. Will never outgrow the space.

Shaina – This small leafed witches broom is a red dwarf form from Bloodgood. Holds color and serves as a great accent plant in a mixed border.

Shigitatsu sawa – Often known by other names such as 'Reticulatum', this unique variegated selection has dark veins with lighter, yellow-green interspacing in the Spring becoming darker in the summer. Small tree suitable for containers or the garden, but does best protected from full, hot sun.

Shin deshojo – This small tree turns brilliant crimson-pink in the Spring, slowly turning to green for the Summer. Truly unique and rivals any flowering shrub. Great red Fall color.

Skeeter's Broom – One of the best witches brooms for the South. Remains dark red will into Summer and stays red in heavy shade. Will make a large shrub over time.

Yuri hime Sport – New selection from Oregon. Small leaf green variety is a hardy grower unlike many of the dwarfs. One of the best for container culture.

Species Maple and Related Cultivars

NEW! *Acer buergerianum* 'Angyo Weeping' – A new weeping Trident Maple that begins to strongly cascade at an early age. Should make a mature tree of 12-15'. Burgundy fall color.

NEW! *Acer buergerianum* 'Hana chiru sato' – A new Trident Maple that will become a large shrub or small tree. The plant goes through a series of color changes that defy description. Dormant buds emerge shocking pink opening to snow white with pink infused on edge of leaves. As foliage hardens off, white and green variegation shows throughout the plant. Secondary growth is orange. Red Fall color. Unbelievable!

Acer griseum – Paperbark Maple. Exfoliating cinnamon bark gives this unique green leaf maple a special place in anyone's garden. The three-lobed leaves turn a brilliant scarlet in the Fall.

Acer maximowiczianum – The Nikko Maple is a trifoliate leaf tree that will reach 15-18 feet over time. A hardy tree that works well in a formal or natural landscape setting. The Fall color is a rainbow of reds, apricots, yellow and scarlet. Still sometimes listed as *Acer nikoense*.

***Acer negundo* 'Kelly's Gold'** – A small deciduous tree with soft golden foliage that slowly fades with the Summer. A show-stopper in the Spring.

Acer pseudosieboldianum – A little known small tree or large shrub similar to *Acer japonicum* and *Acer palmatum*. Spectacular Fall color of red and orange.

***Acer shirasawanum* 'Moonrise'** (PPAF) – THIS IS A NEW INTRODUCTION! From Oregon comes a gold-leafed form similar to 'Aureum' but holding better color in the South.

***Acer shirasawanum* 'Yasemin'** – New introduction from Holland considered to be a cross with *Acer palmatum*. Large red, deeply cut leaves hold color well. Different.

Acer japonicum

Aconitifolium – An Old World variety that still stands the test of time. The leaves of this bold form are large and deeply cut. This dissected appearance is almost fern-like. Morning sun only for this beauty as the green form erupts into spectacular carmine and crimson for the Fall. Great for the South.

Emmett's Pumpkin – Although introduced some time ago, very new and different. New foliage comes out yellow-green with a trace of scarlet. This green leaf form is upright and 8-10 feet in ten years. The unbelievable scarlet orange Fall color will take your breath away.

Vitifolium – The leaves are grape-like in appearance. More a shrub than tree, the Fall color is magnificent. Each leaf of crimson and gold looks like an artist's painting. Will never outgrow the space.

Yami kagi – A new introduction by Don Schmidt Nursery. Strongly upright and perhaps having the largest leaf of all the japonicums. Fall explodes with the most intense, scarlet, crimsons and golds.

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