

## **Terms of Business**

**Nursery opening hours:**

**Monday - Saturday 9am - 1pm / 2pm - 4pm**

**December – January, Saturday's by appointment**

**CLOSED SUNDAYS**

**Mail orders are accepted on a payment with order basis only.**

**Grafted Varieties are dispatched 12 months of the year, subject to availability.**

**Seedlings dispatched November-March.**

**In the unlikely event of a chosen variety being unavailable we shall substitute the nearest available, unless instructed otherwise.**

**All plants listed have been produced on the nursery.**

## **One Year Grafted & Named Varieties**

On the following pages are the varieties we offer as young plants. At the nursery we have considerable numbers of larger plants up to eight feet, although not all varieties in the larger sizes.

The size of the one year grafts when dispatched vary from 6 to 18 inches depending on variety. Some varieties will attain 30 inches in the first year.

Below is the key to the codes after each variety name:

1 = 2-3ft    2 = 3-7ft    3 = 7-13ft    4 = 13-20ft    5 = 20-30ft

Mature height can seem alarming in some of the above, but it must be remembered that the maple is a fairly long lived tree which will grow quicker in the early years, and then slowly reach the mature height. As a guide you could assume that the tree will attain about half of the first figure in ten years.

### **Growth Habit & Features**

<b>A</b>	<b>Autumn Colour</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>Spreading, pendulous / weeping</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Spring Colour</b>	<b>Sh</b>	<b>Shade recommended</b>
<b>M</b>	<b>Mound shaped shrub</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>Upright tree</b>
<b>US</b>	<b>Upright shrub</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>Outstanding growth / habit or foliage</b>

### **Prices of young grafts, carriage & packaging**

The Acer grafts are priced @ £8.25 each, with carriage & packaging charged at £5.50 for 1 plant and each additional plant at £1.25 with a maximum postage of £20.50. More than 13 plants is free p & p.

Most Varieties can be supplied as 2-3yr plants in a 1ltr pot at £12.50 each plus £6 post and packing for each plant up to maximum of £30 post & packing.

## **Acer Japonicum Varieties** **Shirasawanums**

### **Aconitifolium 5-S-O**

The fern leafed maple. Large multi-divided and deep cut leaves with striking flame red autumn foliage.

### **Attaryi 5-A**

A very similar to aconitifolium, but with larger leaves.

### **Aureum 3-Sh-O**

Much sought after spectacular buttery yellow foliage with orange/red autumn tones.

### **Autumn Moon 3**

Bronze orange in summer and rich orange in autumn, a robust form of Aureum.

### **Ezono Moniji 3-U**

Large bright yellow/green leaves in spring, green in summer, golden/red in autumn.

### **Gloria 5-U**

The deeply divided leaves are a dark purple turning lighter in the summer.

### **Green Cascade 2-M-Sh**

Pendulous habit with well defined lace like rich green leaves with brilliant orange/crimson colour in autumn.

### **Meigetsu 5-S**

Green in the summer, red/gold in the autumn.

### **Microphyllum 4-U**

Fresh green leaves in the summer turning yellow/golden in the autumn.

### **Oguryama 4-S-A**

Green/yellow in the spring, autumn colours of bright crimson/orange.

### **Palmatifolium 5-A**

A good form with green leaves in the summer. The autumn colour is a striking yellow/golden shade with red.

### **Vitifolium 4-S-A**

Large vine like green leaves, splendid autumn colour of bright red.

## **Acer Palmatum Varieties**

### **Akane 3-C**

A slower growing form of Katsura with a more intense orange spring colour turning light green in the summer then orange/yellow in autumn.

### **Akegarasu 4-U**

Large purple leaves becoming green/bronze in the summer. A strong upright form.

### **Aobo Jo 2**

A dwarf form with larger than normal leaves, green with brick red edges turning yellow & red in the autumn.

### **Aoyagi 4-U-O**

The green version of Senkaki, wood turning bright green in the winter.

### **Arakawa 4-U-O**

"The rough bark maple" Main feature is it's unique corky bark. Good autumn colour.

### **Aratama 3-O**

A very good dwarf form, with leaves ranging from brick red to purple, by mid summer it is mixed with green tones.

### **Ariadne 3-O-Sh**

A member of the reticulatum group with a mixture of red, pink & orange markings on the leaves turning purple with red veins in the summer.

### **Ariake Nomura 5-U**

A narrow growing form, dark purple in the summer and bright scarlet in the autumn.

### **Asahi Zuru 4-U-Sh**

Spring growth pink/white/green, summer medium green with strong irregular white marking.

### **Aureum 3-U**

Golden spring foliage with bright yellow autumn show.

### **Autumn Glory 3-U-A**

Good form with excellent crimson autumn colours.

### **Autumn Moon 3-A C**

Spring-Summer foliage is of a burnt orange, it is better if grown in full sun, Autumn tones are of orange & red.

**Autumn Red 3-A-O**

Forms a small tree with light green foliage in summer & fiery crimson in autumn.

**Azuma Murasaki 4-S**

Purple/red serrated leaves becoming red/green in the summer.

**Beni Chidori 2-O-Sh**

A small leafed variety, spring colour orange/red fading to a yellow edge

**Beni Kawa 4-U**

One of the Senkaki group, slower growing than Sango Kaku with a good bright yellow autumn colour.

**Beni Komachi 2-U-S-O**

Small bright crimson leaves in spring, green with red margins in summer, orange/scarlet in autumn.

**Beni Maiko 3-US-C**

Bright red in spring, green in the summer and orange/red in autumn.

**Beni Otaki 3-US-A**

Deep cut narrow lobed foliage, deep purple/red in the summer, crimson in autumn.

**Beni Schichihenge 2-US**

Leaves vary in shape, colouring is green with white & orange/pink. Probably the best small leafed variegated form.

**Beni Tsukasa 2-US-O**

Leaves small and bright yellow/red in spring turning pink/red then mottled green in autumn.

**Bloodgood 4-U**

Excellent vigorous large leafed tree, one of the best deep red forms.

**Boskoop Glory 5-U**

Spring leaves are pink/red turning deep red in the summer and then red/green in early autumn.

**Burgundy Lace 3-S**

Striking deeply divided leaves, sharply toothed along edges, burgundy/red colour.

**Butterfly 3-US-O**

Attractive small leafed shrub with cream on pale green variegation.

**Chikumano 3-O**

A good strong purple in summer turning orange in autumn. This cultivar has unusually large leaves for a palmate.

**Chitoseyama 2-S-C**

Deeply divided large leaves with slender lobes and serrated edges. Purple/red in the summer & bright crimson in autumn. Large pendulous bush.

**Coonara Pygmy 2-US-A**

A compact multi-branched form with attractive foliage, bright orange in the autumn.

**Coral Pink 2-Sh-C**

Light coral pink in the spring turning green with off white mottling in summer. A slightly tender cultivar.

**Corrallinum 3-US-C**

Outstanding shrimp-pink spring foliage fading to mottled green in the summer with brilliant scarlet autumn tones.

**Crispa or Okushimo 3-U-O**

The upright growth & curled edges to the small leaves are the outstanding feature. Bright green in summer & orange/gold in autumn.

**Deshojo 3-S-C**

The original form of Shindeshojo, having all the same colour changes.

**Fire Glow or Effigy 3-US**

Large deep purple/red leaves with crimson autumn colour.

**Elegans 3-S-A**

Leaves deeply divided with serrated edges, green in the summer & bright orange in autumn.

**Enkin 3-US**

The darkest purple of all the linearilobums, red in the Autumn.

**Green Trompenburg 5-S**

Leaves have rolled edges as in Trompenburg, orange/yellow in autumn,

**Hagoromo 4-U**

Distinctive leaves deeply serrated in feather like divisions. Green in the summer & orange/red in the autumn.

**Hogyuku 5-A**

Deep green in Spring and Summer turning a rich orange in Autumn.

**Herbstfeuer 4-A**

Green in the summer with an outstanding autumn colour of bright orange.

**Higasayama 4-U-O**

Small leafed variegated with cream border, spectacular in spring as new leaves unfurl pale yellow and brilliant crimson.

**Hanami Nishiki 2**

A slow and dense growing form, green in the summer & yellow in autumn.

**Ibo Nishiki 3-O**

Similar to Arakawa and Nishiki Gawa but slower growing. Green in the summer with autumn tones of orange & red.

**Ichigyoji 4-U-A**

Practically identical to Koreanum, with autumn colours of intense yellow/orange.

**Inazuma 3-S**

Deeply divided toothed lobes. Rich deep purple in summer & red/crimson in autumn. Medium pendulous tree.

**Issai Nishiki 2-US-O**

A dwarf form of Nishiki Gawa.

**Kagiri Nishiki or Roseo Marginata 2-US-O**

Small variegated leaves with white margins blended with pink or rose colours.

**Kamagata 2-US-O**

Long narrow deeply divided leaves, rusty red spring foliage, rich green in the summer & bright yellow/orange in autumn. Dwarf compact habit of delicate appearances.

**Kandy kitchen 2-O**

A compact growing purple form with pink/red new growth, turning red in Autumn, an ideal form for pots.

**Karasugawa 3-US-Sh-O**

New growth is bright pink becoming variegated, similar to Asahi Zuru. Spectacular plant, needs protection.

**Kasagiyama 2-US-O**

Unusual brick red leaves with dark veins, lobes well separated, mottled crimson in the autumn.

**Kasen Nishiki 3-US**

A good form with subtle variations of cream on green.

**Kashima 1-S**

Dwarf form, light yellow/green in spring in the summer and yellow in autumn.

**Katsura 2-S**

Small leaves of marmalade orange spring foliage, rich green in the summer bright yellow/orange in autumn.

**Kinran 3-S**

Deeply divided lobes, rich purple/red with contrasting green veins, gold and crimson in autumn.

**Kiyohime 2-S-C**

Light green small leaves edged with orange/red in spring, rich green in the summer and yellow/orange in autumn.

**Kogane Nishiki 5-A**

A vigorous growing cultivar. Good green in the summer & bright golden in autumn.

**Komachi Hime 2-C**

Green leaves edged with red in spring, a small compact growing dwarf.

**Komon Nishiki 2-O**

A subtle variegated form with light pink on green in spring turning green speckled with small spots of white/cream in summer.

**Koreanum 5-U-Sh-A**

Bright green foliage, yellow/orange/red in the autumn.

**Kotohime 2-O**

A dwarf form with very small leaves, orange/red new growth turning green, Autumn colour is an orange/red, a dense growing upright form.

**Kurabu Yama 4-S**

A spreading shrub with green leaves in the summer and a good autumn colour of yellow/orange.

**Linearilobum 2-U**

Green version of Linearilobum Atrolinear, slightly more vigorous, large dense attractive shrub.

**Linearilobum Atrolinear 2-U**

Long narrow strap like leaves, spring foliage is purple/red and bronze in the summer, crimson in autumn.

**Linearilobum Kinshi 2-US**

Green Linearilobum type foliage compact growth, orange/yellow in autumn.

**Linearilobum Koto Ito Komachi 1-M-Sh**

Outstanding feature is the very fine green Linearilobum leaf shape.

**Linearilobum Red Pygmy 2-S**

Spectacular ribbon like leaves bright crimson/red in summer and golden in autumn.

**Linearilobum Villa Taranto 3-S-O**

Bright green leaves overtone with light red/bright gold in the autumn.

**Little Princess or Mapi No Machihime 1-US-O**

Small leaved dense shrub, spring foliage bright orange/yellow with red margins becoming rich green, gold/yellow in autumn.

**Lutescens 4-U-A**

Spring growth of green/yellow, light green in the summer, gold/yellow in autumn.

**Mama 3-US-O**

Similar to Maiko but leaves more irregular so no two seem the same. Green in the summer and yellow/orange in autumn.

**Masu muraski 3-U-C**

Very intense red/purple well defined lobes with serrated edges.

**Matsu Kaze 3-S-C**

Deep cut red form with serrated edges to the elongated leaves, spring foliage is bronze/red, rich carmine in autumn.

**Mikawa Yatsubusa 1-M**

The leaves of this dwarf cultivar overlay themselves like tiles on a roof. The leaves are light green with some red on margins.

**Mirte 5**

Leaves are bronze with green veins in spring turning olive green in the summer with autumn tones of orange/yellow.

**Mizuho Beni 3-C**

Similar in habit and colour to Katsura it does however come into leaf later so is less exposed to the cold wind and frost.

**Mon papa 3-S**

Very similar to Matsu kaze, but with more serrated leaves, purple/red in Summer.

**Murasaki Kiyohime 1-US**

A member of the Yatsubusa family with bright green new foliage margined with purple in summer, gold/orange in autumn.

**Mure Hibari 3-S**

Light green leaf colour with brick red margins turning yellow/crimson in the autumn.

**Murogawa 4-S**

Green/purple in the summer turning bright red/orange in autumn. In older plants the branches will weep to the ground.

**Nishiki gasane 3U**

Deep green leaves flecked with gold, needs protection from afternoon sun.

**Nishiki Gawa 4-U-O**

The rough pine like bark is the outstanding feature of this cultivar, light green in spring and strong orange/red in autumn.

**Nicholsonii 3-S-A**

Medium shrubby tree, green in the summer, brilliant gold/crimson in autumn.

**Nomarushidare 3-S**

Rich purple/red in summer and bright crimson in autumn.

**O'kagami 3-S**

Large leafed magnificent glossy blackish/red foliage in the summer, brilliant fiery scarlet in spring and autumn.

**Omuryama 3-S-A-O**

A spectacular having pendulous branches with age like a weeping willow, leaves are deeply divided and a brilliant green, gold/crimson in the autumn.

**Orange Dream 2-S-O**

**Orange/yellow in spring turning yellow/green in the summer and yellow in autumn.**

**Orido Nishiki 3-U-Sh-C**

**Overall colour is a deep green and the variegations are very divers, spring new growth is a mix of white, cream and bright pink.**

**Osakazuki 4-U-A**

**One of the best for autumn foliage, rich dark green in summer turning intense crimson in the autumn.**

**Oshu Shidare 3-S**

**Similar growth to Omuryama except dark purple in the spring, bronze/purple in summer and crimson in autumn.**

**Oshio Beni 4-U-Sh**

**Bright red new growth turning to bronze with bright red autumn tones.**

**Oto Hime 2-C-S**

**Similar in colour to Kiyohime but the growth habit is tighter, as a mature plant it is very much wider than its height.**

**Otome Zakura 3-C**

**Similar to Shindeshojo but with a deeper blood red spring colour.**

**Peaches & Cream 3-Sh**

**A member of the Shigatatsu Sawa group with cream and rose leaves in spring, staying pink edged through the summer and turning yellowish in autumn. A delicate form.**

**Pixie 2**

**Forms a dense bush with deep purple leaves in summer turning crimson in autumn.**

**Red flash 4-C**

**Bright red new foliage, turning deep purple, leaves fading to purple/green by late Summer.**

**Ryoku Ryu 2**

**A semi dwarf form with deeply cut long leaves. Green in the summer and yellow in autumn.**

**Sagara Nishiki 3-US-Sh**

**A Variegated form with shades of pale yellow.**

**Samurai Aka Shigatatsu Sawa 3-U-Sh-O**

**Leaves are veined white, green and pink and in early autumn they are red/maroon.**

**Sazanami 4-A**

The deeply divided leaves are green in the summer turning bright golden in the autumn.

**Saoshika 3-US-A**

Pale green in spring with red margins, golden/yellow in autumn.

**Satsuka Beni 3-C**

A strong growing form with fine red edges to the green leaves in spring turning bright red in autumn.

**Seigen 2-S-C**

A small leafed plant with bright red foliage in spring, green in summer and yellow/orange in autumn.

**Sekka Yatsubusa 3-O**

A vigorous growing form of Mikawa Yatsubusa.

**Senkaki or Sango Kaku 4-U-O**

Coral bark maple. Brilliant coral bark in the winter, attractive green foliage in the summer.

**Shaina 2-US**

Forming a dense dwarfish shrub with bright red new growth maturing to maroon.

**Sharps Pygmy 2**

A very dwarf cultivar which is green in the summer and orange/scarlet in the autumn.

**Sherwood Flame 4-S**

Good red foliage plant similar to Burgundy Lace.

**Shigatatsu Sawa 3-U-Sh**

Attractive unique green veined leaves interspersed with yellow and cream, red/green autumn foliage.

**Shindeshojo 3-S-C**

Brilliant spring foliage of bright scarlet or crimson/scarlet. Reddish/green in summer and red/orange in the autumn.

**Shishigashira 2-US**

Tight compact growth and bright crinkly leaves. Autumn colour orange/crimson.

**Shishio or Chishio 2-S-C**

Foliage is like Shindeshojo but more orange/red with smaller leaves and

it makes a small dense bush.

**Shiraz.** New introduction spectacular variegated form, green, cream and pink, improving in colour with exposure to the sun.

**Shishio Improved 3-S-C**

Brighter foliage than Shishio and slightly larger leaves with more vigour.

**Skeeters Broom 4-A-US**

An upright growing form, light red in the spring turning deep purple/red in the summer.

**Suminagashi 4-S**

Well separated lobed leaves, bright red in spring, deep maroon in the summer glowing red in autumn.

**Superbum 4-U**

Similar to Bloodgood but less densely branched and a brighter red in the summer.

**Takao 5-A**

A vigorous growing form with a good yellow/gold autumn colour, green in the summer.

**Tamahime 2-S-A**

Small light green leaves in spring, rich green in the summer and red/crimson in the autumn. Dense bush

**Tatsuta 3-S**

An open growing plant, light green in summer and bright crimson in autumn.

**Tennyo No Hoshi 4-U**

A strong growing form with small leaves lightly variegated with cream over a green background.

**Trompenburg 3-U**

Attractive dark purple leaves with edges rolled down, crimson in the autumn.

**Tsuchigumo 2-US**

Young leaves are a rusty red/green in summer and crimson/yellow in autumn.

**Tsuma Beni (red nail) 2-S-C**

Beautiful spring foliage with purplish red tips on light green foliage, red in autumn.

**Tsuma Gaki 2-S-C**

Almost identical to Tsuma Beni except ;eaves droop as they open.

**Tsuri Nishiki 3-S-A**

Deep green ;eaves edged with red in summer, fiery autumn colour of yellow, orange and red.

**Ueno Homare 4**

A light green in summer turning yellow/orange in autumn.

**Ukigumo 3-US-Sh-C**

Outstanding variegated foliage of light green freckled and blended with pink and white.

**Ukon 2-US**

Yellow in spring turning green with yellow marbling in summer, yellow/orange in autumn.

**Volubile 4-U**

Bright green in spring, darker green in summer, orange/red in Autumn

**Wabito 2-S-O**

Spring and summer green with red margins, autumn colour is a strong red.

**Waka Midori 3**

Compact growing with small green leaves, yellow/orange in autumn.

**Whitney Red 5**

A good strong red/purple colour in spring with a bright scarlet autumn colour.

**Wilson's Pink Darf 1-US**

A spectacular bright pink in spring fading to green in summer.

**Wou Nishiki 2-US**

New growth is yellow/green then green with red margins fading in summer and crimson in autumn.

**Yasemin 5**

Similar to Trompenberg but with flatter leaves. Strong purple in summer and red in autumn.

## **Acer Palmatum Dissectum Varieties**

Except for Seiryu, all of the dissected leaf forms from a mound shaped small shrub with cascading foliage of delicate appearance with multi-divided leaves.

### **Atropurpureum 2-M**

Good red foliage fading in summer with greenish veins on leaves.

### **Baldsmith 2-M**

A very good form, bright orange/red Spring foliage, turning a mixture of green/orange/red in Summer, with an Autumn colour of yellow and orange.

### **Crimson Princess 2-M**

Red in Spring, turning purple/bronze in Summer, with Autumn tones of bright red.

### **Crimson Queen 2-M**

Deep red/purple foliage all summer and fiery scarlet in autumn,

### **Emerald lace 2-M**

Darker green than other dissectums, a fast grower with a very weeping habit, turning purple in Autumn.

### **Ever Red 2-M**

Excellent red form holding colour well, bronze late summer and bright red in autumn.

### **Filligree 2-M-Sh**

Fine lace like foliage, light green in summer and a rich gold in autumn.

### **Flavescens 2-M**

Distinct yellow/green spring foliage, light green in summer and yellow autumn tones.

### **Garnet 2-M**

Vigorous plant holding its rich red colour through the summer. Red in autumn.

### **Goshiki Shidare 2-M-O-Sh**

Red/green leaves variegated with shades of cream and pink, foliage colour may vary from year to year.

### **Inaba Shidare 2-M-O**

Outstanding large deep purple/red leaves, vigorously growing all

summer crimson in autumn.

**Kiri Nishiki 2-M**

A more substantial green form, intense gold in autumn.

**Lionheart 3-S-O**

Strong growing maroon/red form, slightly more upright when growing fast, becoming more pendulous with age, good autumn show.

**Orangeola 2-M**

A strong growing Dissectum, opening orange/red in spring, turning red/brown in summer and then a bright orange/red in autumn.

**Ornatum 2-M**

Bronze/red in spring turning green in summer and an intense gold in autumn.

**Palmatifidum 2-M-A**

"The Eagle Claw Maple" coarser foliage, brilliant green in the summer and yellow/gold in autumn.

**Red Dragon 2-M**

Deep purple/red colour maintained well through summer, bright crimson in autumn.

**Red Filligree Lace 2-M-Sh**

Having the finest almost impossibly, dissected foliage of dark purple/red through the summer.

**Seiryu 3-U-O-A**

Unique dissected form having upright growth with bright green foliage forming a small dense medium tree, spectacular autumn colour of gold and crimson.

**Stella Rossa 2-M**

One of the best purple forms holding its colour well in Summer, with a good Autumn colour of bright red.

**Tamukeyama 2-M**

A good dark purple form similar to Crimson Queen but faster growing, bright scarlet in autumn.

**Toyama Nishiki 2-M-Sh-O**

Basic leaf colour of purple/red to green/red, some leaves may be completely pink as they open, foliage will vary.

**Virides 2-M**

The best known elegant green form, gold/crimson in autumn.

**Zaaling 2-M**

A fast growing green form with orange/red autumn tones.

**Other Types and Forms**

**Campestre Pulverulentum 3-US**

Leaves thickly speckled and blotched with white.

**Circinatum Monro 3-US**

A dissectum appearance to the leaves, green in the summer with yellow autumn tones.

**Pentaphyllum 3-A-U**

Looks like a Linearilobum but grows into a large tree. Green in the summer with spectacular autumn colours.

**Rubrum October Glory 5-U-A**

Fiery autumn colour.

**Rubrum Schlesinge 5-U-A**

Rich deep scarlet autumn colours.

**Sieboldianum Sode No Uchi 3-US**

Green/yellow in spring, dark green in the summer and gold/red in autumn. Dwarf shrub.

**Bareroot Acer Palmatum Seedlings**

**Due to the variations in seed crop from year to year not all are always available**

per5 per10 per20 per50

**Acer Palmatum Atropurpureum**

100% purple form a good colour.

3" – 6"	£5	£8	£15	£30
6" – 12"	£6	£10	£17	£35
12" – 18"	£7	£12	£22	£45

**Acer Palmatum Autumn Colour**

Seed gathered from trees with good autumn foliage.

3" – 6"	£5	£8	£15	£30
6" – 12"	£6	£10	£17	£35
12" – 18"	£7	£12	£22	£45

**Acer Palmatum Senkaki**

Seed picked exclusively from Senkaki.      per5    per10    per20    per50

3" – 6"	£5	£8	£15	£30
6" – 12"	£6	£10	£17	£35
12" – 18"	£7	£12	£22	£45

**Acer palmatum dissectum** mixture of colours, when available.

6"-12"	£6	£10	£17	£35
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**Hints on Growing Japanese Maples**

Japanese Maples are ideal subjects for container growing, with a few simple rules and minimal attention can be grown indefinitely in a restricted environment.

**Soil Types for Containers:**

Most commercial mixes are suitable being of a high peatmoss or bark mixtures as Acers prefer a well-drained medium.

**Fertiliser:**

**Do Not Overfeed!** Acers are not greedy feeders, excessive feeding particularly of a high nitrogen fertiliser will destroy the fine root system. A light spring dressing of one of the balanced fertilisers available will be enough.

**Water:**

Water is the most important item for a healthy content plant. Acers resent being aloud to dry out or become waterlogged. Letting them dry

out will result in leaf drop and possible loss of the plant, and a waterlogged plant will result in the roots rotting and the almost certain loss of the plant. It is best to aim at an even level of moisture be it on the moist or dryer side and avoid any violent fluctuations. Do Not water foliage in the sunlight as leaf scorch will ensure. Water in the evenings or direct into the pot.

#### **Climate:**

Acers are surprisingly hardy given their delicate appearance. Most enjoying full sunlight exposure and all withstand cold to the roots as low as -9 deg C, and to the plant above the ground, below -18 deg C. If really excessive weather is expected a piece of sacking or similar material to lag the container is advisable. They grow wild in Japan where experience very cold but dry winters.

#### **Bonsai:**

The ultimate containerisation of a plant for which Acers are by their natural grace of growth and leaf types and tolerance of a restricted environment, one of the most ideal subjects. The purchase of a book to give the rudiments of what is basically a simple art of pruning and shaping, which is like all skills has to be learnt by practical experience.

#### **Open Ground Planting:**

Acers prefer a sandy loam but the perfect soil is seldom available but they will grow in richer heavier soils or poor sandy soils with appropriate conditioning, soils with a high PH are unsuitable unless neutralised. Whatever the soil conditions you have to cope with the rule on feeding and watering apply as in the container grown plants.

Over the years amongst the thousands of seedlings we produce odd ones catch the eye, the following are some of these, they have been grown on for several years to be sure of their habit.

#### **Ebony red 3-SUA**

Striking red new growth, deep dark red in Summer turning vivid red in Autumn.

#### **Firecracker 3-SUA**

Burgundy brown Spring and Summer with olive green stems, maturing with a light green vein, vibrant gold/orange/red in Autumn.

#### **Fliss 4-UOA**

Rich copper new growth, yellow green during Summer, pale creamy yellow in Autumn, boasting unusual orange/yellow bark in Winter.

#### **Laura's dwarf 1-US**

Very small green leaves during Spring/Summer with tones of red

**orange, yellow in Autumn, very slow growing.**

**Milligan 2-Us C**

**Crimson pink new growth, maturing to a veined blue/green/cream leaf for Summer, shades of yellow/orange/red in Autumn.**

**Miranda 2-US**

**Bright light green new growth with partially cut leaf, staying green for Summer turning rich yellow with hints of red in Autumn.**

**Pink blush 2-US**

**Green new growth with a pink blush to leaf tips, leaves have an attractive drooping habit, staying green for Summer, maroon red in Autumn, has good compact habit.**