

Esposito's Select Japanese Maple Varieties

Cultivar and Class	Size	Foliage	Comments
Atropurpureum (palmatum)	10 to 14'	Purple red to almost black red last well into summer; crimson fall color; large leaves	Upright fast growing
Beni Kawa (palmatum)	20'	Long lasting yellowish-gold fall color	Vigorous upright grower. Attractive coral bark
Beni-Shichihenge (palmatum)	6 to 12'	Variegated Green-white and pink orange-red	Outstanding colors in the Spring
Bloodgood (palmatum)	15' to 20'	Large leaved; deep red to black red that holds well; bright crimson fall color	Vigorous; strong branches; broad topped tree; upright; blackish red bark; slow grower
Bonfire (palmatum)	12' to 14'	Excellent red spring color, changing to green.	Good for Bonsai
Burgundy Lace (matsumurae)	12' to 18'	Burgundy red, best color in spring and in the fall	Has the distinctive ribbon-like leaves of the Matsumurae group
Butterfly (matsumurae)	7'	Small bluish green leaves edged in white	Does best with some shade
Chantilly Lace (dissectum)	6 to 12'	Golden-yellow-crimson	Beautiful fine textured leaves
Crimson Queen (dissectum)	6 to 12'	Deep Red	Cascading Holds color well
Ever Red (dissectum)	10 to 15'	Finely divided 7 lobes; purple red new foliage fades to purple bronze; crimson red fall color	Small mound with weeping branches; vigorous
Fireglow (palmatum)	12 to 15'	Intense red-purple	Holds color well
Flavescens (dissectum)	6 to 12'	Green-yellow Yellow-orange in fall	Cascading Yellow tones outstanding
Garnet (Red Garnet) (dissectum)	10'	Gemstone garnet color fades to purple green; best color in sun; red fall color	Vigorous
Green Mist (dissectum)	9 to 12'	Has orange-red fall color	Very hardy Cascading
Inaba Shidare (dissectum)	6'	Deep purple red dissected foliage holds color well into the summer	Award of Garden Merit from the Royal Horticultural Society
Inazuma (matsumurae)	20 to 30'	Large leaves are deep purple-red in spring. Summer foliage is purple with a green cast.	Vigorous grower

Katsura; Katsura yatsuba (palmatum)	15 to 18'	Pale yellow orange new leaves with bright orange margins; rich green summer color; bright yellow and orange fall color; small leaves with 5 lobes	Small form; dense foliage with closely spaced twigs; upright habit
Koto-no-ito (linearilobum)	6 to 12'	Yellow in fall	Tall shrub
Moonfire (palmatum)	12 to 15'	Purple red to black red leaves; holds color well in summer; 5 to 7 lobes; crimson fall color	Strong upright grower; broad spreading with age rapid grower
Nuresagi (palmatum)	10 to 12'	Spring leaves that emerge nearly black. The summer leaves are dark purple, tinted green and with bright red veins. They become scarlet in autumn.	Upright grower. The new twigs are also very dark purple and later develop fine white striations
Octopus (dissectum)	6 to 12'	Crimson-red in fall	Arching outward and downward
Okagami (palmatum)	12 to 18'	Red-scarlet in fall	Shiny foliage Upright growth
Orangeola (dissectum)	7 to 8'	Orange-red laceleaves fading to green in summer; second leaf flush in summer gives a two-tone effect; great fall color	Weeping mounded shrub; good for container growing
Oridono Nishiki (palmatum)	15 to 20'	White and pink splashes not only on leaves, but also as veining on the trunk.	Striking variegation
Ornatum Dissectum	7 to 10'	More bronze-red than most. Summer foliage is bronze-green with blazing scarlet fall color.	Good for container growing
Osakazuki (amoenum)	15 to 20'	5" leaves; rich green summer color; brilliant crimson red fall color (the most intense fall color of all varieties); 7 lobes	Upright; rounded top with age; tolerates sun, heat, drought; rapid grower when young
Oshio-beni (palmatum)	20 to 25'	Broad serrated leaf; new growth is bright orange-red in spring becoming bronze green with age. Fall color is bright scarlet	Upright spreading canopy.
Red Dragon (dissectum)	5 to 6'	Red leaves in the spring, bronze green in the summer. Red in the fall	Weeping and mounding
Red Emperor (palmatum)	15 to 20'	Purple red leaf color. Changes to dark crimson in the fall.	Also called Emperor I Keeps its color relatively well during the summer months
Sango-kaku (Coral Bark) (palmatum)	18 to 30'	Yellow-gold in fall	Coral colored bark Tolerates a wide variety of soil conditions Including heavy clay-loam soils Tolerant of drought

Seiyu (dissectum)	10 to 15'	Rich green laceleaf summer leaves; each tip has reddish tones; gold, orange, to orange red fall color with suffusion of crimson	Upright vase shape
Shinobu-ga- Oka (linearilobum)	12 to 18'	Green Yellow in fall	Good in containers
Shishio Improved (palmatum)	12 to 15'	Early in spring this variety has shocking-pink leaves.	Upright grower
Suminagashi (matsumurae)	12 to 15'	Deeply lobed purplish red to maroon leaves. Brilliant red fall color	Strong upright grower
Tanukeyama; Chirimen kaede (dissectum)	10 to 13'	Opens deep crimson red in spring; quickly turns dark purple red; holds well in summer; bright scarlet fall color; 7 to 9 deeply cut lobes	Hardy; strongly cascading
Trompenburg (matsumurae)	15'	Very distinct serrated, deeply lobed maroon, purplish-red foliage. The leaf color lasts well into the summer slowly fading to bronze-green. The fall foliage is an excellent crimson-red.	Upright growing rounded form. More sun tolerant than many Japanese Maples
Trident (Acer buergerianum)	30'	Green Orange-red and purple fall color	Full sun adaptable
Waterfall (dissectum)	6 to 12'	Green Gold-crimson blends in fall	Long flowing leaves Cascading