Acer davidii
Snakebark Maple / Père David’s Maple

This beautiful small tree which develops a spreading crown of arching branches, is one of the best of the ‘snakebark’ maples.

Its stunning bark which starts red on young shoots, eventually turns to green and white serpentine stripes. Delicate yellow spring flowers, winged fruits and large mid-green leaves which flush orange, pink and yellow in autumn add year round interest.

It prefers a sheltered location, but is fully hardy and will grow in almost all well drained soils.

A perfect specimen plant as either a standard or multi-stem, it is ideal for a courtyard or garden setting.

**Plant Profile**

**Name:** Acer davidii

**Common Name:** Snakebark Maple / Père David’s Maple

**Family:** Aceraceae

**Height:** 10-15m

**Demands:** Grows well in most soils and thrives in a sheltered location

**Foliage:** Mid green and often lobed, renowned for its fine autumn colour.

**Flower:** Yellow racemes in Spring

**Fruit:** Clusters of winged seeds follow the spring flowers.

**Bark:** Green and white striped attractive bark. Make sure it is planted somewhere the bark can be admired!
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The tree was originally discovered by Basque priest Armand David who was in Central China as a missionary.