



Beautiful bark of Acer davidii

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!



Fiery autumn display from Acer davidii

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The tree was originally discovered by Basque priest Armand David who was in Central China as a missionary.



The bark and fruit of Acer davidii



3m multistem Acer davidii



Acer davidii spring growth