

Acer palmatum

Japanese Maple



Acer palmatum 4.0-5.0m CG

Acer palmatum is a small, slow growing deciduous tree usually found as an understory tree in shady woodlands. The *Acer palmatum* is native to Japan, Korea and China and was introduced to the UK in the 1800s.

The leaves of the *Acer palmatum* measure at 4-12cm long and wide, palmately lobed with five to seven acutely pointed lobes.

In the spring the small red flowers appear followed by winged red or green fruits hanging delicately under the leaves.

As autumn returns, the *Acer palmatum* responds changing the colour of the leaves to amazing fiery bright reds and burnt orange shades.

Acer palmatum can be a magnificent specimen set in the right location and bring interest to a garden all year round.

Plant Profile

Name: *Acer palmatum*

Common Name: Japanese Maple

Family: Sapindaceae

Height: 5-9 metres

Width: 5-9 metres

Demands: Sheltered, full sun or partial shade.

Soil: Moist but well-drained, acidic or neutral soil.

Foliage: Deciduous

Flowers: Red / Purple cymes.



Acer palmatum 2.0-2.5 Multi-Stem CG



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Swedish doctor-botanist Carl Peter Thunberg gave the species name '*palmatum*' after the hand like shape of its leaves.

The *Acer palmatum* includes hundreds of names cultiars that offer a variety of forms, colours, sizes and leaf types.



Acer palmatum 2.5-3.0 Umbrella CG



Acer palmatum leaf Autumn Colour



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