

Japanese Maples

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Atrolineare		13'	Upright growing and twiggy. May be classed as a tall shrub.	Very desirable as a contrast in form with the more round-headed varieties.	Dark black-red foliage in early season. May bronze out with greenish undertones later.	Yellow	Very narrow divided foliage.
Baldsmith		12-15'	Mounded, but differs from most dissectums because of the very pendulous, finely dissected foliage.	Contrasts nicely with the deeper reds of 'Crimson Queen.	Very lacy. Bright orange-red spring foliage, becoming paler and green tinged in the center with pink-tinged margins as they develop.	Bright yellow with orange.	The combination of mature and new leaves through the summer gives a multicolored appearance of greens, pinks, and orange reds.
Beni Shichihenge	"red and changeful"	6-8"/yr., 5-6' in 10 yrs., 10-20 ft. ultimate	Narrow, upright shrub - not strong growing, tends to be twiggy.	Containers, mixed planting	Bluish-green leaves with strong white margins which are overlaid or blushed with pink orange.	Not unlike Butterfly	Variegated.
Bloodgood	A very old Dutch cultivar sold to the Bloodgood Nursery.	12-15"/yr., 10-12' in 10 yrs., 15-20 ft. high & wide ultimately	Upright tree - slow-growing, round-headed	Specimen	Large-leaved, deep red to black red. Except in very dry climates the leaves do not turn greenish purple in summer, as others do.	Bright crimson	Deep red foliage
Burgundy Lace		12-15"/yr., 10-12' x 12-15' in 10 yrs.	Small, upright, low-branched, spreading tree	Specimen, focal point	Burgundy-red, turns purple, bronze green in summer	Red	Burgundy-red foliage
Butterfly		12"+/yr., 10-12' in 10 yrs., 12-15' x 6-8' ultimately	Vase-shaped - taller & narrower than Beni shichihenge. Dense shrub or small tree.	Suitable for very small gardens. Elegant entry planting, containers, bonsai, mixed planting. Does best in some shade.	Bluish to grayish green or pale green leaves with cream or whitish margins lightly tinged with pink.	White areas become magenta.	Variegated.
Chishio	"blood"	7-13 ft.	Upright tree. Slow-growing.	Containers, bonsai	Brilliant crimson spring foliage turns green in summer	Orange-red	Intense crimson new growth and new leaves make this plant as colorful as a flowering shrub.
Crimson Queen		12-15"/yr., 4-5' in 10 yrs., 8-10' x 12' ultimately	Dense, broad, mounding, cascading plant	Specimen, focal point, container, mixed planting. Its beauty and neat habit make it appropriate for any but the smallest garden.	Bright crimson red new growth; reddish leaves that hold most of the summer, may become bronze green to red	Scarlet	Finely cut crimson leaves, cascading habit
Eagles Claw		4-6'	Small, shrubby	Good for small spaces.	Green	Vibrant yellow-orange	Tips of leaves turn downward.

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Emperor		10-12"/yr., 8-10' in 10 yrs., 10-13 ft. ultimately	Strong, vigorous, upright, wide-crowned tree	Good focal point for a large landscape.	Deep red purple - more like a purple-leaf plum.	Beautiful dark crimson	Leaves possess a transparent quality giving them the appearance of stained glass with the light shining through them. Comes into leaf 2 wks. later than Bloodgood. Holds color even in shade.
Ever Red (Dissectum Nigrum)		12-15"/yr., 4-5' in 10 yrs., 10-15' ultimately	Vigorous, small mound with weeping branches. Feathery, cascading appearance. Habit is often irregular as it often develops only on one side.	Container, mixed planting. Growth habit makes it quite suitable for planting along a pond or other sites constricted on one side.	Purple-red new foliage fades to purple bronze . Part shade will aid in color retention.	Crimson	Colorful new spring growth - new shoots and foliage covered with fine silvery hairs .
Fireglow		8-12"/yr., 6-10' in 10 yrs., 15-20 ft. ultimately. Not as tall or as wide-spread as Bloodgood.	upright, well-branched shrub or small tree	Container, small garden tree	New leaves emerge very bright pink before turning a cherry red .	Purple suffused with green	A refreshing alternative to the dark purple foliage of most "red" upright palmatum. Upper surface retains its color well into late summer and doesn't burn in hot sun.
Garnet	Foliage is Garnet Red on the R.H.S. Horticultural Color Chart, hence the name.	12-15"/yr., 4-5' in 10 yrs., 10' ultimately	Vigorous, spreading plant - more upright than the typical mounding laceleaf types. Tends to become somewhat open and leggy.	Mixed planting	Garnet colored fading to purple green . Best color in sun	Red	Foliage color
Germaine's Gyration	Named for Germaine Iseli and for its twisting habit.	12-15"/yr., 4-5' in 10 yrs.	Vigorous, wider than tall with twisting, undulating branches. Forms a cascading mushroom-shaped mound, but is much wider than tall.	Accent	Green leaves are larger and more coarse and darker than Viridis.	Yellow, orange and red	Twisting branches
Green Hornet		8-10'	Vigorous plant with long sweeping shoots.	Accent, provide contrast with other Japanese maples.	Bright green in spring, emerging leaves tinged with orange-red	Reddish orange	Unusual being a green dissectum with red fall color.
Green Mist	The color and delicate appearance of the pendulous foliage gives this plant its name	4-5' in 10 yrs., 9' ultimately	Cascading mound. Similar to 'Waterfall' in habit, but considerably hardier	Accent	Medium green	Orange-red	Delicate texture

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Hubb's Red Willow		12-15'				Red	Leaves have very narrow lobes.
Inaba Shidare (aka Red Select)	"cascading rice-like leaf"	12-15"/yr., 4-5' in 10 yrs., 8-10' ultimately. Faster growing than many red dissectums.	Sturdy and more vigorous than many dissectums, branches slightly more rigid. Fast-growing, somewhat open shrub of a mushroom shape.	Container, mixed planting	Red-purple in spring, holding color reasonably well in heat.	Red to crimson	Winter silhouette has great character.
Kagiri nishiki (aka Rosa-variegata)	nishiki - "brocade, variegated, rough"	26'	Somewhat open growing.		Basic leaf color is deep green with a bluish cast , never bright green. White margins on all the lobes are present in varying widths. Blended with, or suffused over, all this are markings of pink or rose colors.	The rose and cream areas change into vivid rose-crimson.	Leaf variegation.
Kamagata	"falcate, hooked"	Dwarf; 3' high after eight years.	Small, round-shaped bush		In spring the edges of the leaves are strongly tinted with red to rusty red . Early summer foliage become a bright, light green .	Brilliant shades of yellow and orange with occasional touches of red .	The leaves remain on the plant well into late fall extending the color period.
Katsura	"wig"	8-12"/yr., 6-10' in 10 yrs.	Small, upright, dwarf tree. Dense foliage with closely spaced twigs. Usually much taller than wide.	Containers, bonsai, mixed planting	As leaves develop they are a pale yellow orange . The margins shade into a brighter orange . As the season progresses, the leaves turn into a light to yellow green .	Pastel tones of yellow and orange .	One of the first Japanese maples to leaf out
Kotohime	"little harp"	up to 3 ft.	Upright shrub, with much side branching which rounds out its shape. Dense. One of the most desirable dwarfs.	Containers, bonsai, mixed planting. Useful planted with other dwarf forms in such places as alpine gardens. Can be trained into a very tight bun shape.	One of smallest leaf forms. New leaves emerge bright rose or orange red (color heaviest on the edges, shading to light green in the center). Mature foliage is bright, light green .	Yellow blended with orange	A desirable dwarf.

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Lionheart		8' in 10 yrs., 11-13' ultimately	Upright; can be described as the red counterpart to the green dissectum 'Seiryu'. Becomes more spreading with age, the branches growing horizontally with pendulous tips to give an attractive layered and arching effect.	Contrast in form with other laceleaf maples.	Good deep red, similar to 'Crimson Queen.' Becomes bronzed with green undertones in early fall.	Deep crimson	Upright dissectum. Deep red bark covered in very close-packed vertical glaucous striations when young
Moonfire		15-22' A fast-growing tree when young, but broadens and slows down as it matures.	Strongly upright tree, Older trees assume an upright, rounded canopy. Tends to become leggy. Heavy pruning encourages good branching.	Mixed planting	Purple-red to black red leaves - almost opalescent. Diffused sun gives it a faint blue overtone. Color lasts well throughout the summer.	Crimson	Good color interest. Durable, long-lasting season of color - rivals 'Bloodgood.'
Octopus	Name derived from its growth habit	12-15"/yr., 4-5' in 10 yrs., 8-10' x 12' ultimately	Vigorous new shoots or "tentacles" arch outward and downward. A broad dome (mushroom-shaped).	Mixed planting	Pink red with a narrow greenish band down the middle of each lobe in spring, becoming a darker plum red , then a coppery red with a greenish tinge along the midrib as the leaf develops in early summer.	Bright crimson	Octopus-like form.
Okushimo	"The salt and pepper leaf"	8-12"/yrs., 6-10' in 10 yrs., 20-40 ft. ultimately	Narrow, upright and vase-shaped - becomes dense.	Containers, bonsai	Tiny glossy green leaves which curl backwards slightly. Every lobe ends in a point.	Intense golden fall color	Good selection for a narrow spot. Odd-shaped leaves, sweeping upright growth habit, and beautiful gold fall color.
Omura Yama	Yama means "mountain"	10-15'	Elegant, cascading habit with long curtains of pendulous branches, much like a small weeping willow	Accent	Deeply divided green leaves	Good orange-red	Branches cascade at maturity.
Orange Dream		8-10'	Upright large shrub or small tree		Young leaves emerge fresh orange quickly becoming lemon yellow with orange-tinted margins and tips.	Bright gold	

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Orangeola	Name refers to orange color.	12-15"/yr., 4-5' in 10 yrs., 8-10' x 12' ultimately	A fairly large shrub of weeping habit. More upright and less spreading than most dissectums, forming an attractive cascading mound, usually taller than wide.	Spring effect, mixed plantings.	Orange-red new foliage shows a green cast by midsummer, followed by a second orange flush , providing a two-tone coloration.	Orange-red. Holds color display later than most.	Unusual coloration. Leaves persist until late in season.
Orido nishiki (Orinodo Nishiki)	"The rich colored fabric of the master."	15-20' in 15-20 years	Upright, round-topped tree		Spring foliage is bright pink, white, cream, or any combination of these. The basic color is a rich, deep shiny green which holds very well until fall.		White & pink splashes on leaves & trunk.
Ornatum		6' x 9'	Mounded	Mixed planting, container, near deck or patio, specimen.	New leaves are more bronze-red than 'Garnet' and 'Ever Red' and during summer turn largely green	Crimson red	
Osakazuki	Since the leaves sometimes "cup" at the base, this cultivar is termed a " saki-cup-like leaf ," or 'Osakazuki'	8-12"/yr., 6-10' in 10 yrs., 15-20 ft. ultimately.	Upright, rounded top with age. Rapid grower when young, then slows to mature gracefully.	containers (perfect patio plant)	Leaves are olive-orange when unfolding. Young plants maintain this coloration for many weeks when they are in full growth. Large, rich green leaves	Intense crimson red fall color.	Intense fall color for up to 2 weeks ; even at dusk the color seems to glow. Tolerates sun, heat, drought. Full sun for best color.
Oshio Beni	(Beni means "red")	8-12"/yr., 6-10' in 10 yrs., 20-40 ft. ultimately	Medium-sized, upright tree-like shrub	Good companion tree with other cultivars for color contrast.	More orange-red than the purple red of similar red cultivars. As season advances it becomes bronze and then a dull reddish green. Tends to burn in hot sun.	Bright scarlet	Outstanding shape.
Pixie		3-6' x 6'	Dwarf, densely branched shrublet.	Good for containers or rockery (sport of 'Bloodgood')	Leaves emerge pink red, become deep red, lasting into late summer.	Fiery scarlet	Dwarf size & red color.

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Red Dragon		10-12'/yr., 4-5' in 10 yrs., 8' ultimately	A compact, well-branched mound. A dwarfer form of 'Crimson Queen'	Small garden, rock garden, container, or bonsai plant.	Young leaves are bright scarlet in spring, becoming a dark burgundy (darker than 'Crimson Queen"). Keeps its deep color in sun or shade better than any other red dissectum.	Flaming scarlet	Red color, good form.
Red Feather		3-4' in 10 yrs. Grows faster & fuller than Red Filigree Lace	Mounding, semi-pendulous habit.		Lighter red than Red Filigree Lace. Smoky red.	Changes from yellow to orange, then red	
Red Pygmy		6-8"/yr., 5-6' in 10 yrs., 7-13 ft. ultimately	mound-shaped, broad shrub	Container, bonsai, mixed planting. Good contrast in shape and color tone when combined with other forms.	Red or bright maroon , lace-like. It late summer deepens into a more purplish tone. In direct sun it bronzes with green undertones somewhat late in the season.	Golden yellow	Linearilobum type. Don't prune out the large palmate-type leaves on new wood , as the distinctive linearilobum-type leaves emerge from this wood the following year.
Red Wood						Yellow	Red color on old branches better than Sango Kaku.
Sagara Nishiki	Nishiki means "brocade-bariegated, rough"	6' - 10'	Compact shrub or small tree		Variegations of pale yellow in the light green base color.		
Sango Kaku	"coral tower"	8-12"/yr., 6-10' in 10 yrs., 20-25 ft. ultimately. Young plant grows quite fast for the first few years.	Upright with twiggy stems	Accent, container, bonsai, mixed planting	Bright, lime green , edges of new leaves have a strong reddish tinge which fades as the leaves mature.	Yellow gold with light red - coral	Flaming coral-red bark in winter (the younger the wood the stronger the color), reddish tinged new leaves. Plant with the green-barked "Aoyagi" for a striking color combination for winter accent.
Scolopoendrifolium		8-12"/yr., 6-10' in 10 yrs., 12-15 ft. ultimately	Sturdy, upright tree	Container, mixed planting, focal point due to leaf shape	Rich green ; leaf lobes are very long, narrow, widely separated.	Pleasant yellow-gold	Linearilobum type. Don't prune out the large palmate-type leaves on new wood, as the distinctive linearilobum-type leaves emerge from this wood the following year.

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Seiryu	"blue green dragon"	12-15"/yr., 10-12' in 10 yrs., 10-15 ft. ultimately	Strong-growing, vase-shaped, upright tree. The green counterpart to Lionheart.	Container, mixed planting	Green dissected. Each leaf lightly tipped with reddish tones as it unfolds in the spring, later changing to light green. Late summer reddish tones reappear on margins of exposed leaves.	Strong gold with a suffusion of light yellow and crimson	Only upright dissectum
Sekimori	Seki means "border, rim, edge."	6-8' x 10'	Cascading branches	Specimen	Dark green	Gold & yellow	Bark is white, overlaid with green
Shaina		3-4"/yr., 2-3' in 10 yrs.	Compact, upright, round-leaved. Closely arranged leaves give the tree a dense, layered look.	Containers, rock garden, mixed planting.	Leaves emerge a bright red in spring, become dark maroon-red in summer. Relatively large leaves for a dwarf maple. In dense tufts or clusters at the ends of the short shoots.	Bright crimson	Large, dark red leaves on a dwarf plant. (Witch's broom of 100 yr. old 'Bloodgood'.)
Sharp's Pygmy		Less than 3'	Densely foliated, compact, low-spreading tree		Green almost strap-like		One of smallest cultivars.
Shigitatsu Sawa	"Snipes, quacking, flying yp from a swamp"	15' x 12'			White leaf with pink & red, edged with green	Red or rich red-green tone.	
Shishigashira	"lion's head" or "lion's mane" due to the shape of the bunched-up, heavily curled leaves at the end of short, stout shoots.	8-10"/yr., 6-8' in 10 yrs., 13 ft. ultimately. A slow-grower.	Distinct, upright branches layered densely with leaves	Compact growth makes it very popular for small gardens, containers, bonsai, mixed planting. Later fall coloring extends the fall show.	Small, heavy textured, deep green crinkled leaves. Color is maintained well even in hot sun.	Gold suffused with rose and crimson tones (orange) - color appears very late, often 3-4 wks. later than other cultivars.	Close-packed arrangement of the leaves on the twigs and the close arrangement of the twigs. Late fall color extends color display. A true garden aristocrat.
Skeeter's Broom		4-5'	Very dwarf		Red		Sport of Bloodgood

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Spring Delight		12-15"/yr., 4-5' in 10 yrs., 10' x 12-14' ultimately	Small tree with weeping branches creating a cascading, mounding form.	Accent, focal point	Emerging light green leaves are edged in red , lasting from spring into early summer. Otherwise it is very similar to Viridis in leaf appearance and growth habit.	Golden yellow with tints of red	Artistic exposed branches in winter
Tamuke yama	(yama means "mountain")	8-10"/yr., 6-8' in 10 yrs., 10-13 ft. ultimately (in 50-100 yrs.)	Extremely vigorous for a laceleaf cultivar with long, strongly cascading branches.	Container, mixed planting	Best of the purple dissected group. Leaves are crimson red when unfolding, then almost immediately turn a dark purple-red . Maintains color even in hot, humid summers typical of the eastern U.S.	Bright scarlet	Purple-red color. Bark of twigs and young branches is a deep maroon red, overcast with a whitish tone.
Toyama Nishiki		5'	Small mound		Leaves are purple, pink, white and green. Best variegation in afternoon shade.	Gold	
Trompenburg	Named for the Trompenburg Arboretum	10-12"/yr., 8-12' in 10 yrs., 20-30 ft. ultimately	Vigorous, upright, shrubby tree, rather open.	Container, mixed planting	Shiny deep purple-red leaves. The leaf edges roll down (almost forming a tube), giving a finger-like effect. Even in full sun the leaves do not burn. But change to a deep reddish green and bronze.	Brilliant red	Finger-like purple-red leaves.
Ueno Yama	Ueno is a park in Tokyo famous for its flowering cherries and flower parties. Yama means "mountain."	12-18'	Upright		Intense orange spring foliage changes to bright green	Yellow orange	
Viridis		12-15"/yr., 4-5' in 10 yrs., 10' x 12-14' ultimately	Small tree with weeping branches creating a cascading, mounding form.	Accent, focal point	Bright green , partial shade keeps foliage bright	Golden yellow with tints of red	Artistic exposed branches in winter

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Waterfall		12-15"/yr., 4-5' in 10 yrs., 10' x 12-14' ultimately	Cascading green waves flow from partially hidden branches	Container, mixed planting	Large, fern-like green leaves, withstand full sun very well.	Orange and gold	Artistic exposed branches in winter