



## Japanese Maple List

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Japanese maples (*Acer palmatum*) and their relatives offer a large group of plants that can be adapted to almost any garden style and situation. In fact, a wonderful garden could be constructed entirely around a collection of maples. Height, habit, leaf form, seasonal color and interesting bark vary widely among the numerous cultivars. This offers opportunities for interplay with other plants.

In general, Japanese maples are medium-growing, vase-like trees that grow to 15 to 20 feet tall and 12 to 15 feet wide in about ten years. Over time, they can get larger. Laceleaf varieties (*Acer palmatum dissectum*) grow as mounding or weeping small trees, generally from 3 to 8 feet tall and 5 to 12 feet wide.

Japanese maples are generally adaptable to sun or part shade and are hardy to around -10°F. Fall color is usually striking and can be shades of yellow, orange or red. Many varieties with pale or variegated leaves need afternoon shade or filtered light to keep the leaves from burning. Most Japanese maples perform well in containers; however, bear in mind that plants in containers are more vulnerable than plants in the ground both to temperature extremes and to drought.

Maples flourish in humus-rich, well-drained soil. While they are reasonably drought tolerant once established, supplemental water during summer dry spells results in stronger growth and a generally healthier tree. Fertilize in early spring with a balanced fertilizer such as Dr. Earth All Purpose fertilizer. Maples can be pruned judiciously, with an eye to enhancing a plant's overall shape and natural beauty. If possible, avoid gardening underneath a Japanese maple – damage to the roots can be an entry point for a maple's greatest foe – the soil-borne fungus called verticillium wilt.

The following alphabetical cultivar list gives more information on specific varieties Sky will carry this spring. First come ***Acer palmatum*** cultivars, starting with the laceleaf varieties followed by the upright ones. After that we list cultivars of ***Acer japonicum*** and ***A. shirasawanum***, and finally of the new hybrid ***Acer x pseudosieboldianum***, which was bred to be cold hardy to -15°F or more.

### **ACER PALMATUM DISSECTUM (LACELEAF) VARIETIES**

***Acer palmatum dissectum* (JAPANESE LACELEAF MAPLE)** In general, Japanese laceleaf maples are slow-growing, mounding or cascading small trees with finely dissected foliage. They do very well in containers.

**'Ash's Scarlet Princess' aka 'Scarlet Princess'** Height 3-4 feet. Wonderful new dwarf dissectum; foliage emerges pinkish red, turns red; holds color well through summer. Gorgeous red fall color. Dense, compact form.

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**'Baby Lace'** Height 2-4 feet; width 2-4 feet. Prefers partial shade. Hardy to -20°F. Foliage opens a beautiful mix of pink, red, and green, turning solid light green in the summer. Excellent yellow, orange, and red fall color.

**'Baldsmith'** Height 5-6 feet; width 5-8 feet. Sun or part shade. Apricot-salmon new growth turns to green flushed with pink. Very beautiful red-orange fall color.

**'Crimson Queen'** Height 3-6 feet; width 5-6 feet. Dark red leaves all summer—bright scarlet in fall. Most popular laceleaf variety.

**'Garnet'** Height and width 4-8 feet; vigorous, mounding habit. Hardy to -10°F. Holds dark orange-red leaf color well into the summer. Red fall color.

**'Inaba shidare'** Height 4-6 feet; width 5-8 feet. Hardy to 0°F. One of the darkest purple-red laceleaves—holds color all summer. Brilliant crimson in fall.

**'Orangeola'** Height 3-5 feet; width 4-6 feet. Red color fades a bit in summer, and then turns brilliant orange-red in fall.

**'Red Dragon'** Height and width 3-4 feet. Deepest red laceleaf maple—hold color well. Scarlet fall color.

**'Seiryu'** One of the few laceleaf Japanese maples with an upright habit. Slow-growing, vase-shaped tree. Height 12-15 feet; width 6-10 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -10°F. Green foliage has a delicate and graceful effect. Light-gold fall color.

**'Spring Delight'** Height 4-6 feet; width 5-7 feet. Pale green leaves have purple tips. Fall color gold-orange.

**'Tamukeyama' (BOLDRED LACELEAF MAPLE)** Height and width 5-6 feet. Hardy to 0°F. Dark purple-red foliage; holds color well. Bright scarlet fall color. Wonderful landscape specimen.

**'Viridis' (GREEN LACELEAF MAPLE)** Height 2-6 feet; width 3-6 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -10°F. Intense light green color all summer. Yellow and orange in fall.

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**'Amagi shigure'** Slow-growing, upright tree. Height 5-6 feet; width 3-4 feet. Part shade. Wonderful foliage emerges bright pink, and turns red/purple with dark veins and edges. In fall, turns orange and purple.

**'Aoyagi' AKA 'Ukon'** Slow-growing, spreading tree. Height and width 8-10 feet. Hardy to 0°F. Yellow new growth turns bright green in summer. Deep yellow to gold in fall. Pea green bark.

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**'Arakawa' (PINE BARK or ROUGH BARK JAPANESE MAPLE)** Medium-growing upright tree. Height 15-20 feet; width 10-15 feet. Hardy to -5°F. Green leaves turn bright yellow-gold in fall, sometimes overlaid with scarlet. Rough bark turns corky with age.

**'Ariadne'** Slow-growing, vase-like tree. Height 8-10 feet; width 8-10 feet. Leaves open soft peachy red with a marbled background, mature into red veins on purple-red background. Fall color is peachy orange with dark-pink to red margins.

**'Atrolineare' (WILLOWLEAF JAPANESE MAPLE)** Slow-growing, vase-like tree. Height 10-12 feet; width 8-10 feet. Narrow leaves are dark, black-red, turning bronze later. Fall color is bright red. Outstanding specimen tree.

**'Beni hoshi' AKA 'Ruby Stars'** Slow-growing, rounded tree. Height 4-5 feet—spread 3-4 feet. Star-shaped leaves. New foliage emerges ruby red—contrasts with green older foliage. Gold and crimson fall color. Good container plant.

**'Beni kawa' (RED BARK JAPANESE MAPLE)** Medium-growing rounded tree. Height 10-12 feet. Likes sun. Green leaves in summer; yellow fall color. Winter bark is purer red than Coral Bark Maple—colors at a younger age.

**'Beni shi-en' (RED SMOKE JAPANESE MAPLE)** Medium-growing, upright tree. Height 8-12 feet; width 4-6 feet. Deeply divided leaves emerge rosy red, turning purple, then to medium green with light green midrib. Pinkish hues in late summer turn golden in fall.

**'Beni Tsukasa'** Slow-growing, rounded tree. Height 4-5 feet; width 3-4 feet. Hardy to -10°F. Beautiful multi-hued foliage. Foliage emerges peach to orange-red, changes to delicate pink and red with greenish overtones. Does well in containers.

**'Bihou'** Slow-growing, upright tree. Height 8-15 feet. Tiny foliage is yellow green; bright golden-yellow fall color. Branches have vivid coral to yellow bark in winter.

**'Bloodgood'** Medium-growing, vase-like tree. Height 15-20 feet; width 15-18 feet. Sun or part shade. Bright red samaras (keys). Excellent dark-red leaf color all summer. Good fall color, usually crimson. Very popular cultivar.

**'Bonfire'** Slow-growing, upright tree. Height 10-12 feet; width 6-7 feet. Crimson new growth turning green in summer. Showy flame-red fall color.

**'Butterfly'** Slow-growing, vase-like, often stiffly upright tree. Height 5-7 feet; width 3-5 feet. Hardy to -5°F. Dainty tree with cream and pale green variegation—in fall, white turns magenta. Does well in containers. **Protect from hot sun.**

**'Corvallis Broom'** Slow-growing, tight, multi-stemmed tree. Height 4-5 feet; width 3-4 feet. Witch's broom of 'Sango Kako'—striking coral bark in winter. Sun or part shade, but bark color is better if grown in full sun. Light green leaf turning yellow in fall. Excellent bonsai.

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**'Elizabeth'** Medium-growing upright tree. Height 5-7 feet; width 3-4 feet. Hardy to 0°F. Nice dwarf red-leaved maple with deeply cut, purplish foliage.

**'Emperor I' (AKA 'Red Emperor')** Medium-growing, open, airy tree. Height 12-15 feet; width 8-12 feet. Likes sun to part shade. Hardy to -20°F. Similar to 'Bloodgood' but holds its red foliage color better into late summer. Crimson in fall.

**'Fairy Hair'** Slow-growing, upright tree. Height 2 feet; width 1 foot. Sun or part shade. Extremely narrow, long green foliage. Orange fall color. Does well in containers.

**'Fireglow'** Slow-growing, vase-like tree. Height 12-15 feet; width 10-12 feet. Scarlet new foliage turns to dark wine-red for the summer; leaves hold color well. Crimson and red fall color.

**'Ghost Dancer'** Slow-growing, upright tree. Height 5-7 feet; width 3-5 feet. Part shade to full shade. Foliage emerges greenish white with blood-red tips. Turns to whitish pink then to white with prominent green veins—color continually changing. Fall color is yellow and red.

**Protect from hot sun.**

**'Higasayama'** Slow-growing, upright tree. Height 10-12 feet—spread 6-8 feet. Spectacular when cream-sheathed crimson buds open; leaf color and shape change dramatically through the season.

**'Hime Shojo'** Height 3-5 feet, width 3-6 feet. Sun or part shade, but best color in full sun. Very fine foliage is cherry red in spring, deep maroon in summer, bright cherry red in fall.

**'Hupp's Red Willow' (AKA 'Hubb's Red Willow')** Slow growing vase like tree. Height 6-7 feet; width 5-6 feet. Filtered sun or part shade. Hardy to -20°F. Dense and twiggy growth. Strap-like red leaves hold color well. Good fall color. Does well in containers.

**'Ichigyogi'** Height 12-15 feet; width 12-15 feet. Rich green in spring and summer—yellow-orange fall color. Does well in containers.

**'Japanese Sunrise'** Medium-growing, upright tree. Height 12-14 feet; width 8-12 feet. Sun or part shade. Showy red to yellow stems and bark. In general, 'Japanese Sunrise's' bark is a truer coral than 'Sango kaku's'. Green foliage in summer; butterscotch yellow fall color. Fall color is best when tree is grown in full sun.

**'Jerre Schwartz'** Slow-growing, dense tree. Height 4-5 feet; width 3-4 feet. Witch's broom. Bright pink new growth, turning light green. Second flush of pink growth in summer provides contrast with green. Bright orange and fiery red fall color.

**'Katsura'** Slow-growing, rounded tree. Height and width 10 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to 0°F. Fantastic soft yellow and orange new growth turns green in summer, yellow and orange edged red in fall.

**'Katsura hime'** Slow-growing, rounded tree. Height 6-8 feet; width 4-6 feet. Hardy to 0°F. Yellow-orange new growth, turning green in summer, then orange and yellow in fall.

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**'Ki hachijo'** Medium-growing rounded tree. Height 10-12 feet; width 8-10 feet. Hardy to -10°F. Bright green leaves become gold with rosy tones in fall. As tree ages, bark becomes streaked with white. Does well in containers.

**'Koto maru'** Slow-growing, dense, upright shrub. Height 4-6 feet. Tiny foliage emerges lime-green edged with red, turns deeper green in summer. Orange-red fall color.

**'Koto no ito'** Slow-growing, upright tree. Height 6-8 feet; width 4-5 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to 0°F. Narrow green leaves turn shades of yellow in fall.

**'Kurenai jishi'** Slow-growing, mounding tree. Height 4-5 feet; width 3-4 feet. Very dense and compact. Leaves overlay each other like shingles on a roof, but curling. Leaves are bright red in spring, darkening then turning green in summer, red again in fall. Contrasting bark is bright green. Excellent bonsai subject.

**'Kurui jishi'** Medium-growing upright tree. Height 8-10 feet; width 4-6 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to 0°F. Great for a small yard. Deep green star-shaped leaves turn yellow in fall. Edges of leaves curl upwards.

**'Lima Gold'** Slow-growing rounded tree. Height 2-3 feet; width 2-3 feet; very dense and compact. Hardy to -20°F. Yellow green foliage in spring and summer; straw gold fall color.

**'Little Sango'** Height 5 feet, width 3 feet. Very compact, upright dwarf Coral Bark type with dense branching. Light green foliage turns orange and yellow in fall. Winter bark is vivid red.

**'Manyo no sato'** Slow-growing vasselike tree. Height 6-7 feet; width 4-5 feet. Hardy to -20°F. Variegated green and purple foliage turns orange and purple in fall. Very striking.

**'Metamorphosa'** Slow growing shrubby form. Height 5-13 feet; width 3-10 feet. Named for its everchanging foliage display. New growth emerges pale yellow, develops pink margins, then shifts to white or green with tones of reddish orange. Fall color starts orange-red and turns to red-violet.

**'Mikawa yatsubusa' (MIKAWA DWARF JAPANESE MAPLE)** Slow-growing, mounding tree. Height 4-5 feet; width 3-4 feet. Very dense and compact. Light green leaves overlay each other like shingles on a roof. Wonderful bonsai subject. Fall color shades of red, orange, or yellow, depending on sun.

**'Mikazuki'** Slow-growing, upright tree. Height 7-8 feet; width 3-4 feet. Lovely variegated form—pink blushed over white with green veins. Bright orange with green veins in fall.

**'Nishiki gawa' (DWARF PINE BARK JAPANESE MAPLE)** Medium-growing vase-like tree. Height 5-6 feet; width 5-6 feet. Likes sun. Hardy to 0°F. Corky, warty bark appears as plant ages. Green foliage. Good fall color.

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**'Okagami'** Medium-growing rounded tree. Height 12-15 feet; width 10-15 feet. Likes sun. Hardy to 0°F. New leaves purplish-red darkening to blackish-red with green tones in late summer. Turns glowing red in fall.

**'Olsen's Frosted Strawberry'** Height 6-8 feet; width 4-6 feet. Likes partial shade. Hardy to -10°F. Deeply divided leaves emerge strawberry red, pale to pink or silvery white with green speckles and red veins and petioles. Crimson red fall color.

**'Orange Dream'** Vigorous-growing, upright tree. Height 12-15 feet—spread 8-10 feet. Sun or part shade. Bright orange new growth turns lemon-yellow tipped with red. Slowly turns to yellow green in summer, then bright yellow-gold in fall.

**'Osakazuki' (FLAME-LEAF JAPANESE MAPLE)** Fast growing upright tree. Height 15-25 feet; width 10-20 feet. Rich green in spring and summer—intense crimson fall color. The best for autumn display!

**'Osakazuki no akame' (DWARF FLAME-LEAF JAPANESE MAPLE)** Medium-growing upright tree. Height 12-20 feet; width 10-20 feet. Sun or part shade. Rich green in spring and summer—intense crimson fall color. More compact form of 'Osakazuki'.

**'Oshio beni'** Medium-growing, vase-like tree. Height 15-20 feet; width 6-12 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -10°F. New growth bright green, becoming bronze to dull reddish-green. Autumn color bright scarlet. Does well in containers. Protect from hot sun.

**'Peve Multicolor'** Slow growing upright tree. Height 4-5 feet; width 3 feet. Hardy to -20°F. Foliage is green frosted with pink and white. Gold fall color. Does well in containers. Protect from hot afternoon sun.

**'Peve Starfish'** Slow growing upright tree. Height 6-8 feet. Very unusual red foliage is elongated and cups downward. New growth emerges bright red, turns maroon in summer, and crimson red in fall.

**'Pung Kil'** Slow-growing, upright tree. Height 7-8 feet; width 3-4 feet. Hardy to -20°F. Purple-red leaves have long slender lobes. Color holds well through. Brilliant red in fall.

**'Purple Ghost'** Medium-growing tree. Height 10-12 feet. Sun or part shade. Purple leaves with black veins. Fall color is fiery scarlet and orange.

**'Rhode Island Red'** Medium-growing, upright tree. Height 10-12 feet; width 6-10 feet. Hardy to 0°F. Bright red in spring, purple red in summer, fiery red in fall.

**'Ryusen' AKA 'Ryusei'** Height 4-6 feet, depending on staking; width 3-4 feet. Unique, extremely cascading form. Can be trained to a desired height, or allowed to weep over a wall or deck, where it can trail up to 20 feet. Likes sun. Bright green foliage in summer. Spectacular fall color—bright red over golden-orange base.

**'Sango kaku' (CORAL BARK JAPANESE MAPLE)** Medium-growing, vase-like tree. Height 15-25 feet; width 8-20 feet. Sun or part shade, but bark color is better if grown in full sun. Light green leaf turning yellow with light red in fall. Coral bark is striking in winter, particularly while tree is young.

**'Sawa chidori'** Medium-growing, vase-like tree. Height 8-10, width 6-8 feet. Variegated foliage emerges creamy pink or peach with dark green veins, turns creamy green with dark veins. Bright red fall color. **Protect from hot sun.**

**'Seiun kaku'** Slow growing upright tree. Height 5-6 feet; width 2-3 feet. Bright green leaves with red petioles overlay each other like shingles on a roof. Red fall color. Does well in containers. Excellent bonsai subject.

**'Shaina'** Very slow-growing dwarf shrub or rounded tree. Height 4-6 feet. Hardy to -10°F. A dwarf, compact sport of 'Bloodgood'. Becomes dense with maturity. Deep red leaves turn crimson in fall.

**'Sharp's Pygmy'** Height 2-3 feet; width 2-3 feet. Small leaves are green with purple overtones. Excellent bonsai specimen. Orange to red fall color.

**'Shin deshojo'** Slow-growing, spreading tree. Height 7-9 feet; width 4-6 feet. Hardy to 0°F. Flaming scarlet new foliage turns reddish green in summer. Red and orange fall color. Good bonsai subject.

**'Shishigashira'** Immediately recognizable due to its tight habit and crinkled foliage. Height 10-12 feet. Bright green leaves turn orange in fall. Among the very last Japanese maples to change colors and drop its leaves. Good patio tree or bonsai.

**'Sister Ghost'** Slow-growing, upright tree. Height 6-8 feet; width 3-4 feet. Likes part shade. Hardy to -20°F. Leaves start out creamy yellow-green blushed pink with prominent dark veins; foliage darkens over the summer. Yellow brushed with oranges and reds in fall.

**'Skeeter's Broom'** Slow-growing, narrowly upright tree. Height 4-5 feet; width 3-4 feet. Likes sun. Bright red foliage turns purple-red; holds color well through the summer. Rich red fall color. Excellent patio plant or bonsai.

**'Summer Gold'** Medium growing tree. Height 8-12 feet. Three shades of yellow through the seasons: chartreuse new growth, palmate summer foliage is gold, bright yellow fall color. Red twigs and branches highlight the yellow foliage. Excellent yellow maple for a sunny spot.

**'Tobiosho' (ISELI'S RED JAPANESE MAPLE)** Medium growing upright tree. Height 12-15 feet—width 6-8 feet. Dense canopy of green leaves in summer. Spectacular fall display: foliage turns gold, orange, and red in turn, ending pure vivid scarlet. Fall color is best when tree is grown in full sun.

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**'Trompenburg'** Fast growing upright tree. Height 15-25 feet; width 12-15 feet. Hardy to 0°F. Glossy deep red-purple leaves take full sun. Leaf edges curl downward. Small red flowers in spring. Scarlet fall color.

**'Tsukasa Silhouette'** Medium-growing columnar tree. Height 15-20 feet; width 4-5 feet. Lime green in spring turning bright green, then brilliant red in fall.

**'Tsukushigata'** Medium-growing rounded tree. Height 10-12 feet; width 6-8 feet. Likes sun. Leaves emerge shining purple, becoming dull purple in summer and crimson in fall. **Leaves turn green in shade.**

**'Tsuma beni'** Slow-growing tree. Height 8 feet; width 6 feet. Likes partial shade. Hardy to -20°F. Yellow green leaves with bright red tips and twigs. Orange to crimson fall color.

**'Twombly's Red Sentinel'** Medium-growing **columnar** tree. Height 8-14 feet—spread 6-10 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to 0°F. Deep red leaves; bright red fall color.

**'Ukigumo' (FLOATING CLOUD JAPANESE MAPLE)** Slow-growing, upright tree. Height 8-12 feet; width 4-6 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to 0°F. Foliage is pastel green touched with pink and white. Variegation varies from year to year; plant tends to be paler in shade. Fall color is apricot to gold. **Protect from hot sun to prevent sunburn.**

**'Uncle Ghost'** Height 5-6 feet; width 4-5 feet. Deeply divided leaves are pinky apricot in spring, pale in summer with darker veins. Fall color golden to crimson. **Protect from hot sun.**

**'Utsu Semi'** Slow-growing tree. Height and width 8-12 feet. Broad, heavy-textured bright green leaves; name means "Grasshopper Skin". Excellent fall color; shades of purple, crimson, orange and yellow.

**'Villa Taranto'** Slow-growing, mounding tree. Height and width 12-15 feet. Foliage emerges reddish purple, turns green with reddish shading in summer, orange-gold in fall.

**'Wou nishiki'** Medium-growing upright tree. Height 12-15—width 6-8 feet. Sun or part shade. Hardy to -5°F. Bright yellow new leaves edged rose, turning bright green in summer, scarlet in fall. Good in a narrow, small area.

### OTHER JAPANESE MAPLE SPECIES

***Acer japonicum* 'Aconitifolium' (FERNLEAF MAPLE)** Slow-growing, rounded tree. Height and width 10-12 feet. Prominent maroon flower. Deeply cut green leaves, scarlet in fall.

***A. japonicum* 'Emmett's Pumpkin'** Slow-growing, rounded shrub/tree. Height 6 feet, width 4 feet. Tangerine new foliage turns green blushed red; pumpkin orange fall color.

***A. japonicum* 'Vitifolium' (GRAPE-LEAF JAPANESE MAPLE)** Medium-growing rounded tree. Height and width 15-20 feet. Large rich green leaves. Good fall color- gold and scarlet. **Likes afternoon shade.**

***Acer shirasawanum* 'Aureum' (GOLDEN FULL MOON MAPLE)** Medium-growing rounded tree. Height 15-20 feet; width 12-15 feet. Part shade. Yellow leaves all summer. Fall colors are orange through red, sometimes purple. **Protect from hot sun.**

***Acer shirasawanum* 'Autumn Moon'** Medium-growing rounded tree. Height 8-10 feet; width 6-8 feet. Sun or part shade. Yellow leaves flush rose in the summer, turning peachy orange in fall. **Protect from hot sun.**

***Acer shirasawanum* 'Johin'** Slow-growing, upright tree. Height 5-6 feet; width 3-4 feet. Filtered sun or part shade. Hardy to -20°F. Elegant purple-red foliage with prominent green veins. Good fall color.

***Acer shirasawanum* 'Moonrise'** Medium-growing rounded tree. Height 15-18 feet; width 15-20 feet. Bright red foliage in spring turns lime-green in summer in the shade, yellow in full sun. Red and yellow fall color.

***Acer shirasawanum* 'Red Dawn'** Medium-growing, upright tree. Height 10-12 feet, spread 5-6 feet. Foliage opens bright red accented with white pubescence, turning maroon red in summer, crimson in fall. May be a hybrid between *A. shirasawanum* and *A. palmatum*.

***A. x pseudosieboldianum* 'First Flame'** Medium-growing upright tree. Height 15-20 feet; width 10-15 feet. Sun or part shade. Spectacular spring color: small, star shaped leaves open bright red-orange with yellow veins, turning to orange and yellow, then to green with hints of red in summer. Red, orange, and yellow fall color.

***A. x pseudosieboldianum* 'North Wind'** Medium-growing upright tree. Height 15-20 feet; width 10-15 feet. Sun or part shade. Large palmate leaves emerge reddish, then turn green. Showy pink samaras (keys) contrast nicely with foliage. Orange and scarlet fall color.

***A. x pseudosieboldianum* 'Wabi Sabi'** Medium-growing cascading tree. Height 5-7 feet; width 7-10 feet. Very finely dissected foliage is green with red petioles. New stems can be brushed with an attractive waxy white bloom. Fall color shades of red, yellow and orange.