



## Japanese Maples

There are many many varieties of Japanese Maples but they can basically be divided into 2 groups:

1. Cutleaf (weeping) 'Dissectum'
- and
2. Broadleaf (upright) 'Palmatum'

### **Cutleaf Varieties**

Delicate lacy foliage cascades over the mounding habit throughout the growing season. Foliage then turns a brighter red in Fall. Very slow growing reaching up to apx. 10' tall in 10 years with a slightly larger spread. Prefers dappled shade or morning sun/afternoon shade. Too much sun may scorch delicate foliage but too little sun will result in a weaker red foliage.

### **Notable cultivars:**

**Crimson Queen**: 1 of the most popular choices of the weeping varieties. Holds red color well throughout the Summer

**Inabe Shidare (Red Select)**: Also a weeping variety but *more erect* in appearance than other weepers.

**Tamukeyama**: Mounding habit growing 4'-6' tall and slightly wider.

**Viridis**: Same attributes as other cutleaf cultivars except this variety retains bright *green* leaves throughout the season until changing to orange/red in Fall.

## **Palmatum (broadleaf) varieties**

Available with either green or red leaves. This group is generally more tolerant of sun, has a broad, palmate (shape of a hand) leaf, grows much larger than the weeping varieties and has an upright spreading habit. These will show a slow growth rate and multiple cultivars are available. However Bloodgood has become the preferred variety by most.

**Bloodgood**: Dark burgundy foliage that holds well throughout the Summer. Mature size 15'-25' with rounded or vase shape. Fall color red.