



Guide to Japanese Maples

Japanese Maples are generally pest free, however early warm spring weather can mean that new sappy growth can be attacked by aphids which will damage the new emerging leaves. Also “scale” insect can also be a problem, they attach to the branches and trunk of the Japanese Maple and suck the sweet sap.

For Aphids a good general purpose garden insecticide will do , however “scale” insect will need a systemic insecticide such as Provado Ulitimate Bug Killer.

Japanese Maples worthy of mention

Acer palmatum “Bloodgood”:

Upright growing form, large leafed with a good Deep Red or Black Red colouration, becoming crimson in Autumn. On a bright sunny day beautiful red light is projected through the leaves.

Acer shirasawanum “Aureum”:

The yellow full moon maple is a very popular tree, its bright golden yellow leaves in Summer turning a warm golden orange in Autumn. Compact habit but will reach upto 4m when mature.

Acer palmatum dissectum “Garnet”:

Outstanding colour and vigour with spring foliage a rich red-orange. In a sunny location the colour develops well into a deep red-purple. Mound forming , great for pots.

Acer palmatum “Orange Dream”:

The early spring growth is bright orange, as spring moves on becoming a lemon yellow. Then in Autumn again vivid bright oranges and Reds.

Acer palmatum “Orido Nishiki”:

The best variegated maple, The new spring growth is bright pink that matures to creams and greens.

Acer palmatum “Red Pygmy”:

This is a small plant around 1.5 to 2m high when mature, the bright marron long and slender leaves give this variety a lace like affect. The leaves turn a bronze in Autumn.

