

# Beni Maiko Japanese Maple



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## *Acer palmatum* 'Beni Maiko'

- **Use:** The name means "a red-haired dancing girl," an apt description for this fine cultivar as it sways in a gentle breeze. The leaves are small, brilliant scarlet and irregular in shape. At maturity they fade into pinkish red with an undertone of green to blue-green. A dense, dwarf tree, with a shrubby habit that grows wider than tall that is adaptable to containers.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers morning sun with a little afternoon shade in the South to prevent leaf scald in late summer. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Will not tolerate soggy or extremely dry soil.
- **Growth:** Slow growing; reaches 5 to 12ft. tall and wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 6a-9b, medium sized tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Brilliant salmon pink spring growth that makes it a showstopper. It fades to a mottled green in summer. It has excellent bright red fall color.
- **Flower:** An abundance of flowers each spring that produce a multitude of seeds – called 'samaras'. The samaras hang down as little ornaments which adds to the overall look of this beautiful maple.