

Elizabeth Japanese Maple



Great for conifer gardens, small spaces, and container plantings.

Acer palmatum 'Elizabeth'

- **Use:** In spring, her new palmate leaves with bamboo-like elongated lobes emerge a very vivid bright red transitioning to deep maroon shades holding color well through summer, even in hot climates. With the arrival of cooler temperatures in fall the leaves turn brilliant red to close out the three-season color show. Japanese maples are highly desirable for their stunning year-round color, compact size, and versatile, sculptural forms that fit well in small gardens or containers.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers full sun to part sun. Morning sun with protection from hot sun in the afternoon is best in the South. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Will not tolerate soggy or extremely dry soil.
- **Growth:** Slow growth rate of 3-4' tall and wide in 10 years and possibly 5-6' tall and 3-3.5' wide at maturity. Tight, compact growth.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-10, Small sized tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Leaves emerge in the spring with bright red new growth, and by late spring, lime green begins to come in the leaf, creating great contrast with the red. During the summer, the foliage may turn greener, but new growth is a bright red. Fall foliage is a scarlet red.
- **Flower:** Distinctive double-winged, papery samaras (seed pods), often in bright red, which emerge in spring before leaves and mature for wind dispersal.