

Ilarian Japanese Maple



Acer palmatum 'Ilarian'

- **Use:** A whimsical new tree emerging hot neon pink changing to green and white. Each leaf is different, some completely white, some a splash of white and others perfectly divided white and green. Orange and red fall color. Pink twigs in spring and occasional striped pink bark in winter provide a stunning effect year round. Consistent variegation.
- **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:** Elegant growth habit reaching maybe 15 feet tall by 8 to 10 feet wide when all grown up
- **Hardiness:** Zone 6a-9b, medium sized tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. New leaves in spring emerge in neon pink shades, transitioning to pink, white, and vibrant green shades as the season progresses. During summer, the palmate leaves with narrow lobes turn a darker green and brighter white, with new leaves emerging pink before turning white. With the arrival of cooler temperatures in fall, the foliage turns to fiery shades of orange, red, and golden yellow. Occasional striped pink bark provides winter interest.
- **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.