

Moonfire Japanese Maple



Graceful and beautiful tree for the garden! Plant where the fall foliage will be back-lit by the sun for superb effect.

Acer palmatum 'Moonfire'

- **Use:** A favorite among the red leaved upright Japanese Maples, 'Moonfire' is a faster grower and hold its color better than others in full sun or shade. This beauty leafs out with a brilliant deep maroon and its fall color is a bright fire engine red. There's an opalescence on the leaves that really makes them shine in the sun, or glow when backlit by the sun. The tree has black branches curving and twisting upward creating a beautiful somewhat haunting structure that is more visible during the winter months.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers full sun to part sun. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Will not tolerate soggy or extremely dry soil.
- **Growth:** Grows to about 15 to 18 feet tall and nearly as wide at maturity.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-8, Small sized tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. The leaves emerge a dark burgundy-maroon in spring transitioning to a burgundy red in summer, except in shade where it tends to retain its spring color. Fall brings intense fiery-red shades.
- **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.