

# Orion Japanese Maple



## *Acer palmatum* 'Orion

- **Use:** 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. They are low-maintenance, drought-tolerant, and slow-growing specimen trees that enhance landscapes with four-season color and architectural elegance. Extremely feathery tiny leaves that emerge crimson to cherry red in spring transitioning to unusual coppery-bronze and olive-green tones with shoots of orange-red new leaves throughout the summer. The color contrast is truly remarkable. Cooler temperatures in fall bring a delightful soft-orange color.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers full sun to part sun. Morning sun with protection from hot sun is best in the South. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Will not tolerate soggy or extremely dry soil.
- **Growth:** Moderate growth to 5' tall and 4' wide in 10 years.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 6-9, Small tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Very small leaves emerge bright red and mature to maroon, copper, and green. Fall color is soft orange.
- **Flower:** Distinctive double-winged, papery samaras (seed pods), often in bright red, which emerge in spring before leaves and mature for wind dispersal.

**Graceful and beautiful tree  
for the garden or in a very  
large pot in part shade.  
Showy fall foliage.**

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