

# Purple Ghost Japanese Maple



One Japanese Maple can make a landscape...that is, if you don't overcrowd it with other trees and plants. Therefore, when choosing companions to plant under or around your Japanese Maple, make sure to select low-growing shrubs or groundcover plants that won't interfere at all with your tree.



## *Acer palmatum* 'Purple Ghost'

- **Use:** Purple Ghost is the most sought collector specimen after of the ghost series; a seedling of Kasagiyama, it has the same purple brick color with dark veining, but the tree is better shaped and holds its colors throughout the summer. To showcase its magnificence and beauty, the Purple Ghost Japanese Maple is best used in landscape design as a focal point specimen to draw attention to a specific area of the home or landscape. That said, in larger landscape spaces they can be grouped or useful when positioned on both sides of an entryway to accentuate the entrance.
- **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:** Fast growing; reaches 15- 20ft. tall and 15-18'wide at maturity.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 6a-9b, medium sized tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Deep purple, almost black veins, add great texture to the glistening purple foliage of summer. Its hard to believe, but these same cool, dark leaves come afire in the fall in shades of hot orange to scarlet. What's more, the reticulated leaves often appear ruffled around the edges adding to the overall appeal.
- **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.

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