

Shishigashira 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 'Shishigashira'

- **Use:** The name Shishigashira means lions head and comes from the costume worn while doing the lion dance to exorcise evil spirits. Its crinkled, heavily curled, deep green foliage reminds many of a lion's mane. It tolerates more sun than others. Its leaves turn golden yellow hued with red to orange in fall. Its upright habit, along with fantastic foliage, brings artistic beauty to the garden.
- **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:** Slowly reaches 7 to 12 ft. tall, 5 to 12 ft. wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-8, Small sized tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Rich glossy-green foliage is crinkled and incredibly tightly packed. Fall color is gold to red.
- **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.