

# Tobiosho Japanese Maple



If you want a "typical", fast growing, upright Japanese maple with absolutely brilliant scarlet fall color after it has turned gold and then orange, this is the one for you!

## *Acer palmatum* 'Tobiosho'

- **Use:** An impressive Japanese Maple suited for larger spaces, 'Tobiosho' is one of the faster and larger growing of the upright *Acer palmatum* cultivars. A fine choice for the yard, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container, but note it would stay considerably smaller.
- **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:** Moderate growing; reaches 20ft. tall and 15ft wide growing 12-15" a year. This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and should only be pruned in summer after the leaves have fully developed, as it may 'bleed' sap if pruned in late winter or early spring.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5a-8b, Tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Foliage emerges green in spring. In fall, the foliage bursts into an unsurpassed show of brilliant colors that starts on the lower branches and advances up the tree. Gold appears first and changes to orange, then scarlet until all three colors are on display at once. Finally, they all go completely scarlet. The final act of the season occurs when all the leaves turn a glorious scarlet red. Attractive rough gray bark and red branches take the stage during winter.
- **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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