

Tamukeyama Laceleaf Japanese Maple



The meaning of the name Tamukeyama is literally "Hands folded in prayer (upon the) mountain" or "Mountain of Prayerful Offering." Tamuke can be anything spiritual, or any offering to the spirit world of divinities or of departed loved ones, but is in particular a traditional song originating among Zen monks, typically played upon the mournful shakuhachi (flute) for the souls of the remembered dead.



Acer palmatum dissectum 'Tamukeyama'

- **Use:** Mound-shaped, dwarf tree with waxy, deep red bark and graceful cascading branches. Deeply cut and dissected purple-red foliage throughout the summer changes to bright red in fall.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers full sun to part sun. Protect the upper trunk, the trunk will be susceptible to sun burn damage. Planting near an older tree which might shade it in the hottest part of the day can help. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Will not tolerate soggy or extremely dry soil.
- **Growth:** Slow growth to 6-10 ft. tall, 10-12 ft. wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-8, medium sized tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Its leaves, less divided than 'Ever Red,' are red to red-purple in color, which holds up quite well to heat and humidity. The fall color is bright scarlet. Young branches and twigs are maroon red.
- **Flower:** Not known for flowers.