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# Tsukushigata Red Japanese Maple

***Acer palmatum 'Tsukushigata'***

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

**Description:**

An impressive small tree with deep,dark red foliage that maintains color throughout the season; good for adding interest to a landscape; may be pruned as a shrub

**Ornamental Features**

Tsukushigata Red Japanese Maple has attractive dark red foliage with dark green veins on a tree with an oval habit of growth. The serrated lobed palmate leaves are highly ornamental and turn scarlet in fall.

**Landscape Attributes**

Tsukushigata Red Japanese Maple is a deciduous tree with a strong central leader and a shapely oval form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Tsukushigata Red Japanese Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

**Planting & Growing**

Tsukushigata Red Japanese Maple will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.



*Tsukushigata Red Japanese Maple flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*



*Tsukushigata Red Japanese Maple foliage*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. You may want to keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Tsukushigata Red Japanese Maple is a fine choice for the yard, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.