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Inaba Shidare Cutleaf Japanese Maple

Acer palmatum 'Inaba Shidare'

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Group/Class: Dissectum

Description:

A vigorous grower with delicate, lacy burgundy leaves throughout summer turning brilliant crimson in fall; lovely tiered weeping habit on a dwarf plant, a perfect accent for the creative garden



Inaba Shidare Cutleaf Japanese Maple
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Inaba Shidare Cutleaf Japanese Maple foliage
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Ornamental Features

Inaba Shidare Cutleaf Japanese Maple is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its characteristic tiered habit of growth. It has attractive deep purple deciduous foliage. The small deeply cut lobed palmate leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding crimson in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Inaba Shidare Cutleaf Japanese Maple is a dense deciduous tree with a strong central leader and a stunning habit of growth which features almost oriental horizontally-tiered branches. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

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.

Inaba Shidare Cutleaf Japanese Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Inaba Shidare Cutleaf Japanese Maple will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 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 medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more.



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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. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Inaba Shidare Cutleaf 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.