

Why Winter Prune?

Some trees particularly deciduous ornamental trees really benefit from a winter prune.



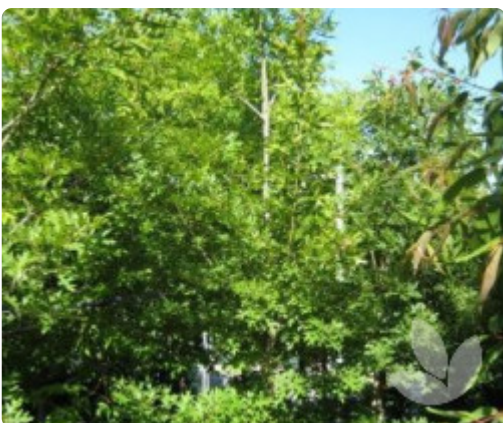
Acer palmatum atropurpureum **PURPLE JAPANESE MAPLE TREE**

Stronger foliage growth on most Japanese Maples will be promoted with a light pruning in winter. Your objective is to find the right level of pruning so that what is revealed is a branch pattern that looks good with or without foliage.



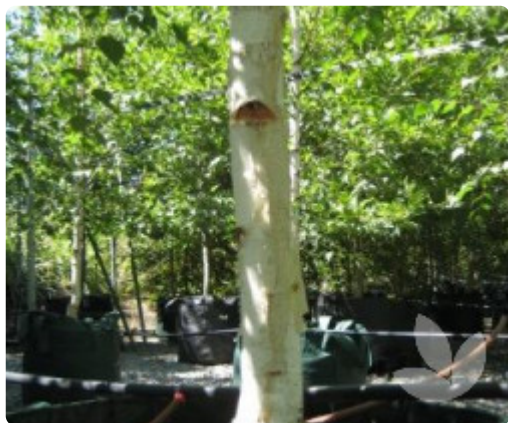
Acer rubrum 'Autumn Red' **CANADIAN MAPLE TREE**

This is a very common deciduous tree in North America. It is a beautiful rounded tree with ascending branches when young, maturing to a more rounded canopy. Great for autumn colour. Leaves stay green longer than other varieties before turning bright orange to deep lipstick red. All parts of the tree, for example flowers, twigs and seeds, are red in varying shades. This tree is also known as 'October Glory' or 'April Splendour'.



Quercus coccinea **SCARLET OAK**

A highly ornamental, fast-growing, deciduous Oak which has an open, wide spreading habit. It is more rounded than Pin Oak with larger foliage showcasing a brilliant display of colour in autumn when the leaves turn an intensely vivid scarlet colour before falling. Spring sees glossy green, deeply lobed new foliage and acorns produced can take up to two years to mature starting off green and turning pale brown with a deep cap covering them by half. Young bark is relatively smooth and grey, darkening with maturity.



Betula pendula 'Moss White'

MOSS WHITE SILVER BIRCH

This tree has bright green foliage that turns to a pale yellow in Autumn. The trunk is a grey colour when young gradually turning to white. It produces long hanging pale green catkins. 'Moss White' has been selected for its bright white bark.



Fraxinus pennsylvanica 'Cimmzam'

CIMMARON ASH

This is a striking feature tree which provides great summer shade. It has a uniform branch structure with bark which becomes deeply furrowed as it matures. Attractive dark green foliage is lighter on the underside and transitions through an array of colours starting with yellows, orange, fiery reds and rich burgundy as the weather cools in autumn. The leaves hold onto the tree longer into winter than other varieties of this species.

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