

# Maple Bonsai Plant

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## Plant Overview

Japanese Maple Bonsai Trees are best known for their unique leaf shape and seasonal changes. Due to their deciduous nature, maple trees lose their leaves during the winter and sprout back during the spring. It is a highly recommended type of bonsai tree for those individuals who are just starting the bonsai tree hobby. The Japanese Maple bonsai tree does not require a lot of maintenance and care.

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## Bonsai - an art

Literally translated means Bonsai: tree in pot. Bon stands for plant and 'sai' can be translated as bowl or pot. Bonsai is grown in Asia and evokes the image of an old tree.

A bonsai tries to create a reduced image of an old tree or landscape in nature. Compare it to a painter or a sculptor, the one trying to paint an impression of catching a landscape, the other does this for example with a piece of wood, the whole is a living work of art.

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## Things to care

- The Japanese Maple prefers a sunny, airy position but during great midday heat it should be placed in the light shade to prevent damaged leaves. If placed in full sun, take care to manage your watering to prevent your tree from drying out. Also, full sunlight and warmer conditions can lead to some leaf burn.
- While 2 to 4 hours of morning direct sunlight is highly beneficial in maintaining the red pigment of Japanese Maple trees with red leaves, they prefer a late afternoon or evening dappled shade.
- A Japanese Maple in a Bonsai pot must be watered daily in most cases during the growth season, maybe even several times a day during the hottest days.
- Feed the tree every two weeks during spring and summer. During the fall, feed the tree with a fertilizer that is nitrogen-free.
- To reduce the size of leaves, prune the leaves during periods of active growth. This will also serve to intensify the colors of the leaves in the fall. Pinch- out new tree shoots on a regular basis to maintain the desired style, and to encourage optimal branching.
- Re-pot young trees once a year. Re-potting must be carried out in the springtime prior to the opening of the buds. After repotting, place the tree in a shaded area for 2-3 weeks prior to placing back in full or partial sun. Maples prefer more acidic soil.
- Provide excellent air circulation to the plant so as to prevent powdery mildew.
- Keep the leaves free from dust and inspect regularly for pests or fungus.

NOTE - As it is a live plant, therefore its health might deteriorate because of shipping. Hence you are advised to allow the plant to recover to its best of health within 1-2 weeks of the receipt. These are a few points which will help you to take care of your plant.

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Happy Gardening :)