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Acer palmatum 'Inaba-shidare'



Height	2 - 3 m
Width	2-3m
Crown	wide, weeping, half-open crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	brown to grey-brown, smooth
Leaf	lobes, deeply dissected, wine red, 6 - 10 cm
Autumn colour	orange, red
Flowers	pendent stalked panicles, purple-red, April/May
Fruits	winged nut (samara)
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	well permeating humic sandy soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	6 (-23,3 to -17,8 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), valuable for bees (honey plant)
Application	tree containers, roof gardens, small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
Origin	Yokohama Nursery Company, Japan, 1930

A slow growing shrub with an irregular, spreading growth habit. Rarely growing into a small tree with multiple stems. The crown is wider than it is high, a spread of circa 4 m is not an exception. Mature specimens have arching branches. The leaf is palmatifid to palmatisect and the lobes are very deeply cut. The five to seven (sometimes nine) lobes are long and pointed. The colour is dark wine-red and is retained all summer. The autumn colour is deep red to orange-red. On a dry site this colouring is less intense. 'Inaba-shidare' is one of the best cultivars of this large and shape-abundant group of Japanese maples. Strongly akin to the cultivar 'Garnet'. However, 'Garnet' gets more arching branches when maturing. Prefers partial shade.