

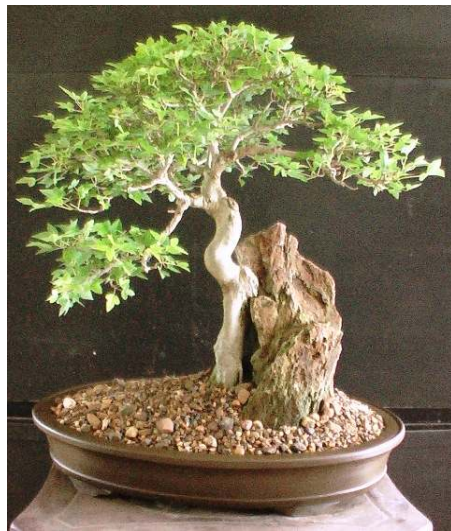
## Maples (acer family).

1. **General.** A deciduous tree, mainly known for its bright red brilliant foliage in Autumn. The most popular is the Trident or Chinese maple (*acer buergerianum*). A good starter tree.
2. **Watering.** Ample water all year round, with less in winter. They do not like dry conditions.
3. **Placement.** Outdoors. Frost and Cold resistant. Avoid placing them in full sun, as invariably the roots dry out causing marginal leaf burn. Avoid the harsh afternoon sun.
4. **Feeding.** Spring and summer, balanced food.
5. **Repotting.** Every 1 to 3 yrs. For those who are wanting to transplant the different types of Maple should do it in July. This is due to the fact that they are dormant now and will handle the stress of transplanting better. Remember to take note of any trees that still have wire on to see if it is not biting in.
6. **Pruning.** 60 % of the root ball can be pruned in spring. The branches ideally in winter when the tree is dormant and leafless and the ramification can be achieved.



### 7. Styling.

Formal upright, informal upright, root over rock.



8. **Pinching.** Pinch out new shoots after two complete leaves have formed or as necessary. This encourages a fuller foliage.
9. **Caution.** Many of the rare maples are grafted and have grafting scars from nurseries.