**Most exciting new variety**

**‘OLSEN’S FROSTED STRAWBERRY’**

*Name:* *A. palmatum* ‘Olsen’s Frosted Strawberry’  
*Mature Size:* Up to 10 feet tall and wide

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**Our Experts Say:**

“'This is a multicolored showstopper that changes with the light and the season. Give it the right location and you’ll get silvers, reds, and greens all at once.”

— Henry Eastwood and Francie Schroeder are co-owners of Eastwoods Nurseries in Washington, Virginia, where they specialize in Japanese maples, conifers, and ginkgos.

This exciting new variety is a hit with many of our experts, and it’s easy to see why. The foliage emerges strawberry red and pink in spring, and lightens to a variable show of pink, silvery white, and green with pink leaf stems. In fall, the leaves turn shades of orange and pink. Slow growing and slightly weeping, ‘Olsen’s Frosted Strawberry’ is sure to attract fawning attention in any garden. Give this variety afternoon shade for the best color show.

**HONORABLE MENTIONS:**

• ‘Amber Ghost’ • ‘Lileeanne’s Jewel’ • ‘Rainbow’

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**Best spring color**

**‘SHINDESHŌJŌ’**

*Name:* *Acer palmatum* ‘Shindeshōjō’  
*Mature Size:* Up to 10 feet tall and 8 feet wide

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**Our Experts Say:**

“This amazing maple has the most brilliant red spring color. It wows in autumn, too, with pastel colors in shades of orange and red.”

— Robert Jamgochian has been collecting rare and exotic maples at Mendocino Maples Nursery in Mendocino, California, for more than 25 years.

The leaves of this stunning variety emerge bright pinkish crimson in spring, slowly fading to green, with flushes of pink thereafter on new growth. The form of ‘Shindeshōjō’ is shrubby and dense, and its young stems are reddish brown to deep purple.

**HONORABLE MENTIONS:**

• ‘Katsura’ • ‘Ariadne’ • ‘Geisha Gone Wild’