

PLANTS TO READ ABOUT

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A collection for observation and reference. Detailed explanations to help you make care decisions suited to your plant and its position.

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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Botanical name	Acer palmatum 'Phoenix'
Delivery size	2 plants · each 19-cm pot · approx. 70 cm total height including pot
Habit	Perennial deciduous broadly branched shrub to small tree with palmately lobed leaves
Expected height	Several metres over many years; roughly 4–8 m height range in favourable garden conditions, often smaller in restricted culture
Flowering period	Small maple flowers in spring on developed plants; special ornamental value lies in foliage
Flower colour	Small inconspicuous maple flowers; documented cultivar effect comes from pink, yellowish, green and warm autumn leaves
Planting time	Mild frost-free days while leafless from autumn to early spring; give container plants particular attention if planted at other times
Planting distance	Around 2.5–4 m for freely developed specimens as guidance from later crown width; plan both set plants separately

Care at a glance

Observe, check and adapt care to the position and season. This table provides guidance for everyday practice.

Topic	What to do	Why it helps
Cultivar colour	Consider pink new growth, summer greening and autumn colour together.	One green summer leaf does not disprove the cultivar.
Light	Choose sheltered bright partial shade.	Fine young growth responds to hot sun and dry wind.
Soil	Use humus-rich, slightly acidic to neutral well-drained soil.	Fine roots need water reserves and air together.
Planting	Plant the ball at its former height, preferably in mild leafless conditions.	Deeply covered roots and trunk base are unnecessarily burdened.
Water	Check the original ball and water thoroughly as needed.	Damp soil beside it does not prove adequate supply inside.
Feed	Distinguish garden soil and containers used for longer periods.	Additional nutrients are no substitute for balanced moisture.
Pruning	Make selective interventions only as needed, preferably late autumn to midwinter.	Natural branching needs no constant tip pruning.
Late frost	Temporarily protect fresh growth if cold nights are forecast.	Young leaves are more sensitive than dormant wood.
Winter	Protect container roots in strong frost and keep outflow open.	Winter-hardy wood does not mean an unprotected small pot.

Knowledge that grows

A leaf changes its colour

Phoenix opens pink new leaves with prominent yellow-green veins. Further development brings yellowish and finally glossy green tones. Autumn adds a change through orange, red and yellow. The cultivar belongs to the *Palmatum* Group of Japanese maples. The shop spelling Phönix is brought together here with the documented cultivar name Phoenix. A greener summer condition does not contradict the cultivar. Observing the plant from spring to autumn reveals its character through changing time rather than one permanently identical shade.

Two young trees with open crowns

The linked offer has two plants in individual 19-cm pots at roughly 70 cm total height including the containers. The clean original view shows young upright shoots, greener lower leaves and reddish new growth. It does not yet show a broad developed garden crown. Phoenix can reach several metres over many years; around 4–8 m should be considered as a garden range while limited culture may stay smaller. Unpack the plants by their pots and release fine branches from transport material. A young branched plant should not be pulled from packaging by its top.

Bright partial shade with room outwards

A sheltered bright partial-shade position is a good starting point. Tender new leaves need not prove their sun tolerance against a hot south-facing wall. Dry wind and hot sunshine together with water shortage may damage margins. Light under an open tree crown differs from permanently deep shade. Plan roughly 2.5–4 m room for a freely growing specimen from its later crown width. Both set plants need not stay close together; separate suitable places give them more time for their natural structure.

Let fine roots start shallowly

Humus-rich, slightly acidic to neutral soil should hold moisture while still taking water away. Main roots must not disappear deeply beneath added soil during planting; previous ball height is a clear reference. Mild frost-free days while leafless from autumn to early spring are favourable. Container plants outside this phase need more supply attention. Carefully water in after planting and keep dense root competition away from the young maple. A loose covering around roots stays away from the trunk base so this is not constantly wrapped in moisture.

Accompany the small ball through summer

Check the original ball regularly even when garden soil beside it looks moist. Sun and wind can quickly alter container reserves. Water slowly and thoroughly as soil dries and let water flow freely away. Both complete drying and standing wetness do not suit fine roots. A fixed weekly schedule overlooks warm days and rainy periods. Well-supplied garden soil does not automatically demand extra feed; in containers used for longer, moderate spring feeding following the label may make sense. Brown edges are not an unambiguous instruction to add more fertiliser.

Guide the broad shape with few cuts

Phoenix develops a branched shrub or small-tree form. Consider the whole structure before removing individual branches. Work selectively on dead, damaged or troublesome crossing wood; regularly topping all tips is unnecessary. When pruning is required, late autumn to midwinter suits it better than blanket spring cutting during initial sap flow. This delivery stage fixes no permanent height. As roots grow through the pot, a container plant needs a suitable larger pot and refreshed soil; an eternally small pot is no reliable alternative to planning space.

Protect new growth and winter rest differently

The dormant garden maple is winter hardy, but fresh leaves can still suffer late frost. When cold nights are forecast, suitable horticultural fleece can temporarily protect new growth. After damage, first assess which parts grow again rather than radically cutting the whole crown. Container roots need separate protection in severe frost and free drainage. Check soil on frost-free dry days. A heated living room is no suitable winter home for this deciduous woody plant. Bare winter structure and glossier summer green belong to the plant whose next pink growth starts again only in spring.

Pictures and details

Images and descriptions from this portrait. Decorative items are not included in the offer.



Unchanged clean original shop view. Two young plants with green foliage and reddish new tips; colour and foliage change seasonally. Delivery size reference: 2 plants · each 19-cm pot · approx. 70 cm total height including pot.



AI-created leaf detail based on the original shop image. Enlarged seasonal leaf view, not a larger delivery plant or permanently guaranteed colour. Surroundings are not included.

Good to know

Are Phoenix and Phönix two cultivars?

The shop uses Phönix for the independently documented cultivar Phoenix. These spellings are brought together.

Why does a pink leaf later become green?

Phoenix changes through yellowish shades to green as leaves develop. This course belongs to the cultivar's character.

Does the maple remain 70 cm tall?

No. Delivery total height including the 19-cm pot must be distinguished from garden development over years.

Must both plants share one container?

No. The set contains two specimens of one cultivar, which can have separate suitable places.

What does a brown leaf edge mean?

First check water, wind and sunshine. This feature does not prove a single nutrient deficiency.

Is a warm living room suitable for winter?

No. This deciduous garden tree needs its annual cycle. In a container, roots particularly need protection.

The matching offer

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