



METRO MAPLES

May 2020 Newsletter



NEWS AND NOTES

New hours and a Tax Holiday!



'MIKAWA YATSUBUSA'

This month's featured cultivar is an upright dwarf that might be the most polarizing in our inventory.



GIFT CERTIFICATES!

Now Available at the nursery
and on our website!

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We are now setting appointments 6 days a week -- Monday-Saturday from 8:00-2:00pm. By spacing out the traffic throughout the day, we're able to make sure that there aren't too many folks congregating at any one time, and we improve the quality of your experience at the nursery by making sure you're able to get as much of our attention as possible.



As of this writing, we still have open times this Saturday, which would give you an opportunity to take advantage of the State of Texas's Lawn & Garden Tax Holiday.

We will be closed on the 25th in observance of Memorial Day, but will be setting appointments for next week. If you'd like to make an appointment, please send us an email at metromaples@yahoo.com. We'd love to see you!

'MIKAWA YATSUBUSA'

When you have as many varieties of Japanese maple as we do at Metro Maples, it's hard to pick a favorite. That said, if we each had to write a "Top 5" list, it's safe to say 'Mikawa yatsubusa' would be a unanimous choice.

While we talk a lot about our extensive catalog, the truth is a lot of the distinctions between the varieties can be pretty subtle, especially in young trees. This isn't the case with 'Mikawa yatsubusa.' Its color, shape, size, and growth rate are so distinctive you can't mistake it. It's in a class by itself.



Spring color is a bright green,.

'Mikawa yatsubusa' is an upright dwarf, with very tightly packed leaves, and an incredibly sculptural look. The effect is wholly different from what most people think of when they hear 'Japanese maple.' It looks more like a piece of modern art that would be as much at home in a museum as in a classical Japanese garden. Those densely layered leaves emerge a bright chartreuse in spring, and darken to a deep forest green -- among the darkest green we see in the summer months-- before turning a deep crimson with a few golds and oranges here and there in autumn.



Fall color is a deep, rich red.

It is definitely a dwarf, and while we do have a few dozen trees in the 3 to 5 foot range, we rarely have 'Mikawa yatsubusas' larger than 6 feet tall. These trees shouldn't be expected to grow more than a few inches each year here in Texas, so what you see today is what you're going to have for quite some time. It won't be shading your roof, and you'll need to find another tree to hang your tire swing from, but it makes an excellent focal point in a small courtyard garden or foundation planting. We currently have trees in 1, 2, 5, and 10 gallon sizes available for purchase.

GIFT CERTIFICATES



The year 2020 has presented us with some new challenges and some motivation to improve the experience for our customers.

With Father's Day and Graduations happening, we thought this would be a good time to announce that Gift Certificates are now available for purchase both at the nursery as well as on our website. We can mail the Gift Certificate or deliver it via email.

Our process isn't completely automated -- which means when you order it online, we'll create the certificate manually and then either mail or email it, based on your preference. That means our turnaround time will be around 24 hrs. So, please plan accordingly, and thank you for your patience.

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In what has been a very tough year to say the least, our business has been continued to grow, and we consider ourselves unbelievably fortunate in what is clearly a very difficult time for so many. As an exceptionally small business, we can't say enough how grateful we are to our customers and friends whose support has been absolutely unreal. We are lucky to work outside every day, lucky to have the opportunity to spend our time growing and caring for these trees that we love, and lucky to be able to share the trees with you all.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give us a call at 817-797-3419 or email us at metromaples@yahoo.com.



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