



THE
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Maple Cultivar Registration Form

The Maple Society, dedicated to further the knowledge, supporting the conservation and promoting the culture of all *Acer* species, was appointed in 1998 as the International Cultivar Registration Authority (ICRA) for this beautiful genus.

With over 3,000 verified cultivars already documented, registration is an important step to guard against duplication, confusion and mis-naming by providing a trusted record detailing the origins and characteristics of a potential new cultivar. Please be aware the registering a cultivar is not the same as patenting or trademarking.

After submitting the form to The Registrar, you will receive one of three responses: *Accepted*, *Requires Modification* or *Rejected*. The response will be determined based on the International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants (ICNCP) 9th edition, Appendix VIII, Part 1. Appendix IX provides a useful guide to naming new cultivars.

If your application is accepted, no further action is required from you and once the administrative work is completed you will receive your registration number. If your application requires modification or is rejected, you may resubmit your application with the required changes.

If necessary, you may attach your answer in a separate document, making sure to mark clearly which question applies.

Before completing this form, we would urge you to consider the following wise words of J.D. Vertrees:

'It should be clearly evident that any new selection suitable for naming as a new cultivar must have such outstandingly desirable and distinctive features that it can easily be distinguished from any other existing cultivar'

Once completed, please return to me at the email address below. If you have any questions or require any further information before completing this form, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Miles Hayward

Registrar for The Maple Society

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1. Applicant details

Name:

Address:

Country:

Phone number:

Mobile number:

Email address:

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2. Details of the proposed cultivar

a) What is the name, also called the 'epithet', of the proposed cultivar?

b) What is the species? If hybrid status is uncertain for a Japanese Maple, please enter 'uncertain':

c) Was the proposed cultivar raised from seed (please tick)?

YES

NO

If NO, please move to part **d**).

If YES, please state the female or seed parent (species and/or cultivar) or 'unknown':

If known, please state the male or pollen parent (species and/or cultivar) or 'unknown':

Which year did it germinate or was first observed as exceptional?

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d) Was the proposed cultivar discovered as a sport/mutation on an existing tree?

YES

NO

If YES, please state the parent:

Which year was it first observed?

e) Where was it discovered? Please provide as much detail as possible and whether in cultivation or in the wild.

f) Did the applicant discover the proposed cultivar?

YES

NO

If NO, please provide details of who did below:

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g) Please describe the proposed cultivar and detail its most distinctive characteristics:

h) If a Japanese maple, within which group would it be placed? If unsure, please consult the *Classification of Japanese Maple Groups* by Cor van Gelderen, which you can find here:

<https://maplesociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/JapaneseMaplesClassQuickRef-1.pdf>

If still unsure, answer 'unknown'.

i) Please advise the current height, spread and age of the original specimen of the proposed cultivar:

3. Commercial details

Please note: If the answer to 3a), 3b) and 3c) are all "NO", ICNCP rules dictate that the cultivar registration request must be automatically rejected.

a) Is the proposed cultivar commercially available or has it been available previously?

YES

NO

If YES, when was it first introduced to the market and by whom?

b) Has information, including the proposed name, been published in a publicly available document, such as a catalogue, periodical or magazine article?

YES

NO

If YES, please provide details of the document:

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c) Has the proposed cultivar been patented or granted Plant Breeders Rights?

YES

NO

If YES, please provide the PP and/or PBR numbers and approval dates:

d) Has the proposed cultivar been trademarked?

YES

NO

If YES, please provide the trademark name and date of approval:

4. Other information

a) Please provide images of the proposed cultivar, ideally in different seasons and foliage colouring in sun and shade. Preferably, images should be high-resolution: at least 300 DPI or print quality.

b) If you would like to include any further information, please do so below:

5. Signature and Submission

Please check through the completed form before submitting. By typing your name in the field below, you are providing an electronic signature which has the same legal force and binding effect as a handwritten signature. Your entry of text into this box certifies that all information provided is true, complete and accurate to the best of your knowledge.

Signed:

Date:



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