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Acer pentaphyllum



Discovered by Joseph Rock in 1929 in the Yalung River of Szechuan Western China, this is one of the rarest of all cultivated maples. The very distinctive leaf is divided into five leaflets. It is late into leaf in the spring and its autumn colour is a reddish yellow.

It can grow up to eight metres in the wild, younger trees in New Zealand are generally five metres tall with a rounded crown.

It is suitable for residential gardens, the light shade canopy making it ideal for underplanting a range of garden plants.

This is the first time we have had adequate numbers of this most interesting maple.



Metasequoia glyptostroboides



Previous to its discovery in 1941, this conifer was only known as a fossil. It is native to a small valley in Szechuan Western China, at an altitude of 1100 metres.

Quick growing with a tall straight central leader to 40-50 metres, it enjoys fertile soils and is fully frost hardy. It requires adequate soil moisture, and will tolerate planting right to the water's edge, making it ideal near ponds and wetlands.

With its graceful conical outline and delicate foliage, light green in spring and summer, this deciduous conifer puts on a fine display of golden russet in the autumn.

We import our seed directly from China; the seedlings are remarkably uniform, just like a row of soldiers.

