

# Mikawa yatsubusa

“a small cluster of three rivers”

The memory garden tree at Maude's Garden, planted in memory of loved ones of Momentia Seattle's Out and About group, is a dwarf Japanese maple: Mikawa yasubusa.

'Mikawa yatsubusa' is the perfect specimen tree for small spaces, as it is known to have a "life-sized" bonsai appearance without the tedious work that goes into bonsai. It puts on a show of colors through seasons.

**Origin:** Grafted in 2017 at Yang's Nursery in Gig Harbor, WA. This type of Japanese maple was chosen by Maude's Garden staff based on a personal recommendation by Philip Bloomquist, Propagation & Nursery Specialist, Bloedel Reserve, facilitated by project manager Erin Hill.

**Growth:** Slow grower. 5 - 6 feet high and wide after 15 years, though some sources say 8 feet.

**Habit:** Architecturally interesting branching. Unique dense layers of small leaves, overlapping one another like tiles on a roof.



## COLORS

Spring: Yellowy chartreuse green - (Bright)

Summer: Forest green (Mellow)

Fall: Reds, yellows, and oranges (Fiery!)



**Pruning:** This is a relatively low maintenance tree that should *only* be pruned in summer after the leaves have fully developed. Any pruning needs consultation of a master gardener with experience in Japanese maples.

## Examples of more mature Mikawa yatsubusas

