

Wineleaf Maple

Acer cissifolium (Siebold et Zucc.) K.Koch

Distribution. Grows in Japan from south of Hokkaido to the central part of Kyushu. Grows in mountain forests.

Morphology. Small tree or shrub, grows wild up to 10 m high. Grey, smooth bark. Compound leaves with three leaflets. Similar leaflets, 5.7 to 10.4 cm long, 2.2 to 4.6 cm wide, oval elliptical or oblong, pointed, with coarsely sharp margin. The upper surface of the leaflet is dark green, but the lower part with white hairs on the veins axils. Inflorescence white, pubescent, dropping raceme. Small, fragrant flowers. Up to 2.5-3 cm long samaras, almost right-angle extended. Flat, veiny nut. Blooms in April, May.

Ecology. Medium winter-hardy to winter-hardy cultivar. Slow growing. Tolerates partial shade. Grows well in moist, well-drained soils. Resistant to diseases and pests.

Importance. Decorative greenery plant for large and medium-sized plantations.