



SPRING 2012 SEEDLINGS & PRE-BONSAI



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About Our Bare-root Seedlings & Potted Specimens



Each year for the past 26 years I have prepared bare-root seedlings for my forest bonsai classes. I carefully evaluate the current crop available for a wide range of sizes and species for bonsai from growers across the country. This season many new and exciting species as well as pre-bonsai with larger shaped trunks are also available.

Seedlings are an economical way to obtain plants at a low individual cost (\$3.50 to \$8 each) for bonsai. They are excellent for bonsai classes and workshops. Many are difficult to find, especially in small sizes for bonsai. Societies often plan ahead and purchase bare-root seedlings for forest bonsai workshops because they develop quickly. Forest bonsai can be easily created from bare-root seedlings because they have light branching and small root systems which can be placed closer together than potted specimens.

The bare-root seedlings are dormant, healthy and suitable for growing to larger sizes. Plants available here are excellent for developing into larger unusual bonsai. Many are rare and difficult to locate in small sizes which make them ideal for hobbyists who want to grow and shape their own bonsai. Developing your own bonsai from young plants is a fun and satisfying method to shape the bonsai to your own design.

Please note that all seedlings are field-grown one to four year old bare-root plants. Many do not have an abundance of fibrous roots or twigs but they can be easily developed during the first growing season. The potted pre-bonsai are established in small pots, one gallon or two gallon containers.

Established potted imported and domestic bonsai specimens are in excellent supply and available for pick up in Rochester, New York or delivery to bonsai conventions I will be attending. Please let me know what you are looking for.

Care and training information on each species can be located in the back issues of *International BONSAI*. Good luck with your bonsai during the new growing season. Please telephone if you have further questions. *Order early to avoid disappointment since many species are in limited numbers!*

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Mikawa Japanese Black Pine
Pinus thunbergi var. Mikawa

The Japanese black pine is one of the finest and easiest pine species to train for bonsai. They are vigorous with dark green needles which will quickly reduce in size. The pre-bonsai are container grown and have trunks (about 2") with a lovely gentle movement and branches. The rough bark is beginning to develop on the well shaped trunks. These pre-bonsai Japanese black pine are ready for serious development into fine bonsai and ready for display containers. The bareroot seedlings are unbranched and great for shaping into any design.

PRE-BONSAI- FROM 3 GAL. 10-14" TALL- \$110 FREE SHIPPING
5 TREE BAREROOT SEEDLING BUNDLE- 4-8" TALL- \$20 FREE SHIPPING



Trident Maple
Acer buergerianum

The Trident maple is one of the best deciduous species for forest and single trunk bonsai. The small, dark green trilobed leaves turn yellow and orange in autumn. They grow quickly in trunk caliber and thin, delicate twigs are attractive in winter when the structural beauty of the bonsai can be enjoyed. The unique ability of Trident maple roots to grow together and "web" makes it the finest species for root over rock style. New shoots grow quickly from old wood after drastic pruning. Seedlings have light branching and excellent fibrous roots. *Develops superb surface roots!*

10 TREE BAREROOT SEEDLING BUNDLE- 6-18" TALL- \$35 FREE SHIPPING



Sargent Juniper
Juniperus chinensis 'Shimpaku'

Sargent juniper or Shimpaku is a favorite among all bonsai artists from beginners to master artists. The evergreen deep green foliage is quick to develop and easy to maintain by pinching. Supple branches can withstand quite a bit of bending into extreme as well as delicate shapes. These specimens started from cuttings have been container grown to ensure a healthy complete root system. The trunks have movement which will make shaping easy and a pleasure to work with. Sargent juniper will quickly develop into fine bonsai. These plants are excellent for workshops.

PRE-BONSAI- FROM 1 GAL. 10-14" TALL- \$45 FREE SHIPPING



Japanese Red Pine
Pinus densiflora

Japanese red pine are excellent but a difficult to find species for bonsai training. The bark forms thick sections which add the appearance of age quickly. The trunks are reddish as are the buds. The light green needles, thick bark and growth characteristics are different from Japanese black pine. Japanese red pine are delicate in appearance, but easy to grow and are winter hardy. Short needles are easily developed. The unbranched seedlings can be easily shaped into any style, especially shohin bonsai. *Easy to grow and winter hardy!*

5 TREE BAREROOT SEEDLING BUNDLE- 4-8" TALL- \$20 FREE SHIPPING



Porcelain Berry
Ampelopsis brevipedunculata

The Porcelain berry is a flakey bark vigorous vining plant with stunning multi colored (blue, purple, cream and turquoise) grape-like berries. They are easily trained as a cascade style bonsai. They must be trimmed back in spring to encourage new branching and repeatedly until August when the berries begin to mature and change color. As the Porcelain berry bonsai matures it can be planted in a small container since the foliage reduces nicely for small and shohin bonsai. *Enjoy an unusual bonsai with glorious multi-colored berries in late summer and early autumn.*

PRE-BONSAI- FROM 4" POT 8-10" TALL- \$20 FREE SHIPPING



Little Gem Dwarf Spruce
Picea abies 'Little Gem'

The Little Gem dwarf spruce is truly a conifer "gem" for bonsai training. The tiny rich green needles are natural and even get smaller with continual pinching. It is a slow grower and only requires pinching after the shape is established. Winter-hardy, Little Gem dwarf spruce is easily trained into shohin bonsai. It is difficult to find small specimens which can be trained mostly by trimming and pinching. These potted and established cuttings are small, but have excellent root systems, which are also ideal for clinging-to-a rock style bonsai. The evergreen needles allow Little Gem dwarf spruce to be enjoyed all year around.

3 PLANTS FROM 2.5" POTS 2-4" TALL- \$20 FREE SHIPPING



Amethyst Falls Wisteria
Wisteria frutescens 'Amethyst Falls'

Amethyst Falls wisteria is a select cultivar of an American native species. This Wisteria is not as invasive as the common Chinese wisteria and blossoms throughout the summer, not only in spring. The flower buds first appear as an attractive grape-like cluster that open on short racemes with violet/blue flowers that form on very young plants. Plants are cutting grown to avoid ugly graft unions and have bloomed repeatedly throughout most of the summer. *Extend your Wisteria blossoming bonsai throughout the summer!*

PRE-BONSAI- FROM 1 GAL. 10-14" TALL- \$30 FREE SHIPPING



Early Amethyst Beautyberry
Callicarpa dichotoma 'Early Amethyst'

Imagine a bonsai full of bright purple berries in early autumn which last into winter! The Beautyberry is often grown for shohin bonsai because the small berries are in proportion to the small tree. The small purplish-lavender summer flowers are followed by massive quantities of fruit which grow on the long slender arching branches. The fruit of Early Amethyst beautyberry begins to change color in early September.

BRANCHED PLANT FROM 4" POT- 4-6" TALL- \$15 FREE SHIPPING



Momo No Haru Satsuki Azalea
Rhododendron indicum 'Momo No Haru'

Momo No Haru satsuki azalea is a compact growing cultivar of Satsuki azalea which has abundant clusters of lavender-pink funnel shaped flowers in late spring. The 1.5" flowers last for weeks and occasionally will again sporadically blossom in autumn. The dark green foliage is attractive and presents a spectacular stage for the bright flowers. These cutting grown plants are easy to grow and train and are ready for training so the flowers can be enjoyed. Trunks are approximately one-half inch in diameter and can still be shaped. *Add a bonsai to your collection which will add color in late spring and beauty throughout the year!*

PRE-BONSAI- FROM 1 GAL. 8-12" TALL- \$25 FREE SHIPPING



Dwarf Wisteria
Millettia japonica

Unlike the rampant and invasive Chinese and Japanese wisterias, the Dwarf wisteria is a dainty twiggy shrub. Although not a true Wisteria, this species has tiny, narrow green and bronze leaflets which are especially attractive in summer. The Dwarf wisteria rarely flowers, however it is grown for the beautiful foliage. The diminutive size of Dwarf wisteria makes it an ideal species for shohin bonsai. They especially look good in a cream glazed container. This species is rare and difficult to find. *A true gem of the bonsai world!*

PRE-BONSAI- FROM 4" POT 3-8" TALL- \$40 FREE SHIPPING



Bonsai Training Container

These brown plastic oval training containers with multiple knock out drainage holes are great for forests or single trees and economical for classes and workshops. The container can also be used as a water basin or saucer if the drainage holes are intact. One or two seedling bundles will generally fit well in this size container.

Container size: 17" x 12" x 2" deep

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Chinese Quince
Pseudocydonia sinensis

The Chinese Quince, "King of Fruiting Bonsai" is a distinctive species because of its attractive pink flowers in spring and large fruit during the summer. In autumn the fragrant fruit mature to a golden yellow and the foliage turns orange and red. Irregular patches of colorful bark peel away during the growing season which can be best appreciated in the winter. All plants are seedlings from one of our bonsai and were grown in small pots and now have excellent roots. The thin trunks can easily be wired into interesting shapes or created into a forest bonsai. *Chinese quince has it all- flowers, fruit, bark and autumn color.*

5 UNBRANCHED SEEDLING BUNDLE - 6-12" TALL- \$25 FREE SHIPPING



Dawn Japanese Flowering Apricot

Prunus mume 'Dawn' ('Musashi Nono')

Fragrant rich clear pink with ruffled double small flowers.

Hana Kami Japanese Flowering Apricot

Prunus mume 'Hana Kami'

Light pink semi-double early blossoms.

Hokkai Bungo Japanese Flowering Apricot

Prunus mume 'Hokkai Bungo'

Fragrant, double dark pink to reddish blossoms.

Kobai Japanese Flowering Apricot

Prunus mume 'Kobai'

Fragrant, semi-double red flowers.

Nicholas Japanese Flowering Apricot

Prunus mume 'Nicholas'

Semi-double cotton candy pink flowers.

Omoi No Mama Japanese Flowering Apricot

Prunus mume 'Omoi No Mama'

Semi-double light pink to white and sometimes yellow green bi-colored blossoms.

Japanese flowering apricots have been appreciated in Japan and China for centuries in gardens, flower arrangements, art and container culture. It is often misnamed "Flowering plum", however, botanically it is a Japanese flowering apricot. The beautiful flowers are popular in Oriental art. This small tree blossoms in the period of late winter to early spring when other species are dormant and many of the cultivars are extremely fragrant. There are over 250 cultivars of Japanese flowering apricots in Japan selected for growth habit and blossom color and form. In Japan, the Japanese flowering apricot is a symbol for spring and a popular bonsai subject. Plants are small well rooted unbranched cuttings to avoid unattractive grafts and should grow over 15 inches with branching during the first year. The new shoots can be easily wired into interesting shapes. Start training a traditional classical bonsai species.

Limited Supply!

3 UNBRANCHED CUTTING BUNDLE - 3-6"- \$20 FREE SHIPPING

A small number of larger older named cultivars of Japanese flowering apricots from 4" pots are also available. We will choose one of the five select cultivars for you.

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UNBRANCHED PLANT FROM 4" POTS - 6-12"- \$20 FREE SHIPPING



Pink Storm Double Take™ Japanese Flowering Quince
Chaenomeles speciosa 'Pink Storm'

Fully double, 2 inch, intense deep pink flowers that look like camelias. The center of each blossom have yellow centers with layers of overlapping petals. Flowers have 29-40 petals and the opening buds look like small sweetheart roses. A striking new cultivar.

Scarlet Storm Double Take™ Flowering Quince

Chaenomeles speciosa 'Scarlet Storm'

A flurry of early spring is created with the bright red, velvety, double flowers with yellow centers. Each blossom has 17 to 25 petals and can be up to 2.5 inches in diameter.

Unlike other Japanese flowering quince, Scarlet Storm tends to have flowers all the way to the branch tips.



Japanese flowering quince are one of the most colorful spring blossoming species trained for bonsai. Appreciated for their long lasting colorful blossoms they are a popular species displayed in spring shows. Japanese flowering quince are often trained in the multiple trunk or clump style because of their growth habit, but make stunning single trunk bonsai as well. There are many different cultivars of Japanese flowering quince which have been selected for their flowers and growth habits. They are easy to cultivate and train into striking bonsai. Japanese flowering quince look excellent in glazed containers which will contrast well with the bright flowers.

The Double Take™ series of Japanese flowering quince were recently developed and released in 2010 by Dr. Thomas Ranney and his team at the North Carolina State University. The large double flowers create magnificent color displays in early spring, occasionally they will repeat blossoming. This series of Japanese flowering quince are thornless and deer resistant. Since they are heat tolerant they should grow well in warmer areas of the country.

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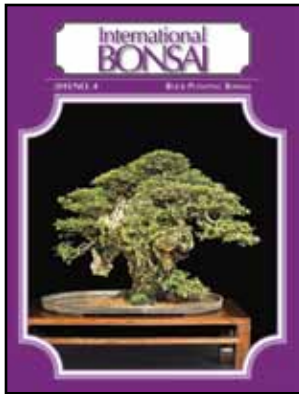
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Terms – All plants are labeled true to name, alive, healthy and dormant. Only healthy plants of excellent quality are shipped. Since we do not have control of the plants after they leave the International Bonsai Arboretum, plants are not guaranteed.

Payment – Full payment must accompany all orders. All prices are payable in U.S. dollars and subject to change without notice. We accept checks, Mastercard and Visa. Please provide your account number and security code on the back and expiration date for credit card payments. New York State residents add 8% sales tax. **Minimum order \$25.00.**

Shipping & Handling – All orders sent **POSTPAID**. Bare-root seedlings are only available from late January through March by mail order depending on quantities and weather conditions. Plants will be shipped via U.S. Mail. Please provide your complete street address and telephone number. No foreign orders. Special arrangements can be made to deliver plants to bonsai conventions that I will attend.

Care Upon Arrival – Seedlings should be unpacked upon arrival and kept in a cool dark area at 35-40°F. Deciduous bare-root seedlings can be easily kept for several months if correctly stored and periodically checked for moisture. Tap roots as well as heavy roots should be trimmed lightly when planting to encourage an abundance of fibrous roots and twigs during the first growing season. Seedlings should be potted before foliage opens and matures.



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