# SPRING 2019 SEEDLINGS & PRE-BONSAL

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### About Our Bare-root Seedlings & Potted Specimens

Each year for the past 33 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 for bonsai. Many of these species are difficult to find, especially in small sizes. Beginners are encouraged to develop forest bonsai for quicker development of an established appearance with a fuller silhouette. 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. Add a large single trunk tree to your forest to add the feeling of maturity for greater satisfaction.

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. Developing your own bonsai from young plants with pliable trunks 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 plastic pots or in one gallon containers.

Other 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 or for workshop orders. Order early to avoid disappointment since many species are in limited numbers!

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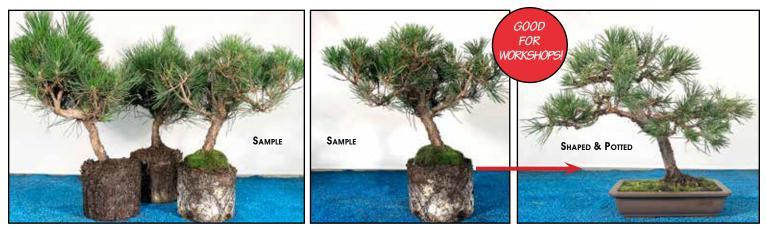


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#### Japanese Black Pine- Pinus thunbergii

Japanese black pines are one of the finest and easiest pine species for bonsai training. They are vigorous with dark green needles which quickly reduce in size with the correct trimming techniques. These pre-bonsai specimens have been container grown and the trunks have movement, perfect for a workshop. The branches are well placed and can easily be wired for shaping. The root system has mycorrhizae (white symbotic fungus) which creates a healthy vigorous specimen. Last year's growth has been bud trimmed so the needles are already shorter than normal. These Japanese black pine pre-bonsai are ready for serious development into fine bonsai and can be potted into display pots. *Great for club workshops or classes on pine bonsai*!

#### PRE-BONSAI- 1 GAL, 8-15" <sup>\$</sup>110 Free Shipping!



Sargent juniper, also called Shimpaku juniper, is a favorite among bonsai artists from beginners to master artists because they don't have a natural growth form and *can be shaped into any shape*. The evergreen, bright green foliage of the Itoigawa sargent juniper is more delicate and refined than the common Shimpaku juniper. They are quick to develop and easy to maintain. Supple branches can withstand quite a bit of bending into extreme as well as delicate forms. These specimens started from cuttings have been wired to create basic trunk movement and have been container grown to ensure a healthy root system. *Create your own bonsai with bright green foliage!* 

#### Sekka Hinoki Cypress Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Sekka'



Sekka hinoki cypress are rare in this country. They have a compact growth habit which are excellent for small and shohin bonsai. The dark green foliage is tight and must be thinned out to find the branches. Winter hardy, this plant is also becoming popular with dwarf conifer collectors. These pre-bonsai Sekka hinoki cypress are single trunk, quite bushy and can be easily pruned, wired and shaped into impressive bonsai during a three hour workshop. A few older larger specimens which were stock plants for cuttings are available for pick up only or delivery to bonsai conventions. The foliage is quite tight and tends not to die back. *Great for club workshops or classes!* 

#### PRE-BONSAI- 4" POTS, 8-12" \$50 Free Shipping!





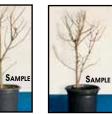
There are several cultivars of Japanese maples with interesting bark. The most vigorous and easiest to grow and train for bonsai is the Rough bark Japanese maple 'Arakawa.' Truer from cuttings, many of these seedlings have shown the characteristic rough bark at a young age. These seedlings are from my forty year old garden tree which is covered with rough bark and has survived several winters in Rochester, N.Y. Each seedling has been root pruned to encourage surface roots. Branches will quickly develop. Bright autumn colors are reliable for these choice seedlings established in three inch pots.

SAMPLE

#### SEEDLING- 3" POT, 6-10" \$40 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 quickly grow in trunk caliper and thin twigs are attractive in winter when the structual beauty can be enjoyed. New shoots grow from old wood and after drastic pruning. flexible slender seedlings are great for thread grafting roots and branches. The larger specimens are great for workshops or larger bonsai.

10 BAREROOT SEEDLINGS- 6-18"- \$50 Free Shipping! PRE-BONSAI- 4" POT, 10-12"- \$25 Free Shipping! PRE-BONSAI- 1 GAL, 12-20"- \$50 Free Shipping!





There are numerous cultivars of Japanese flowering quince, mostly selected for flower color and form. The Chojubai Japanese flowering quince is highly prized for the small flowers and rough bark which develops with age. Usually they begin flowering from late autumn to spring. The orange-red cultivar is well known with dark green leaves, but slow growing and difficult to find in this country. The white cultivar is even more rare and is much faster and easier to grow than the red variety. The white flowers are commonly followed by small yellow fragrant fruit which contrast well with the light green foliage. Most of these plants have been traind to be single trunk bonsai. Try this rare plant with white flowers!

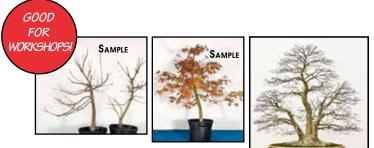






The Koto Hime Japanese maple has probably the smallest foliage of all maples and is superb for shohin bonsai as well as larger specimens. The tiny foliage leafs out with a reddish color which becomes rich green. These plants are cutting grown and established in 1 gallon pots. Surface roots quickly develop from cuttings and develop heavy trunks when pot grown. The natural growth habit for Koto Hime Japanese maple is upright, so horizontal branching needs to be shaped with wire. Short dense shohin bonsai can be developed in a few seasons with this easy to grow select cultivar. Add this small treasure to your bonsai collection.

#### PRE-BONSAI- 1 GAL, 8-10" \$50 Free Shipping!



#### **Dwarf Japanese Maple** Acer palmatum

Unlike the common Japanese maple, these select seedlings are dwarf in plant character with short internodes with dense twigs. The young new leaves of these Japanese maples have red edges when opening. During the summer small light green leaves provide a cool feeling, while autumn brings bright red and orange foliage. Well branched with short internodes, small leaves and ready for bonsai pots. These trees were field grown to develop trunks and one year in a pot to develop twigs with trimming. An unusual Japanese maple for your bonsai collection!

#### PRE-BONSAI- 1 GAL, 18-20"- \$90 Free Shipping!

#### Japanese **Beautyberry** Callicarpa japonica





The Japanese beautyberry has brilliant small purple fruit from autumn through spring which sparkle in the sun. The light green leaves surround the light purple flowers during the summer. The small fine twigs are great for training shohin or small size bonsai. These fast growing seedlings have been trimmed several times in preparation for bonsai training to develop a compact shape Branches are easy to wire and the plant grows vigorously. Imagine a purple fruiting bonsai in your bonsai collection.

PRE-BONSAI- 1 GAL, 8-12"- <sup>\$</sup>65 Free Shipping!

PRE-BONSAI- 5", 8-10"- \$55 Free Shipping!



#### Japanese Red Pine Pinus densiflora

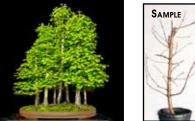
Dawn

Redwood

Metasequoia

Japanese red pine are an excellent, but difficult to find, species for bonsai training. The bark forms thick sections which adds the appearance of age quickly. The trunks and buds are reddish. 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 winter hardy. Short needles are easily developed. The three year old, unbranched seedlings have a good root system and can be easily bent to look old and contorted. *Easy to grow and winter hardy!* 

#### 3 BARE-ROOT SEEDLINGS- 5-8"- \$30 Free Shipping!





Unlike the true Redwoods native to California, the Dawn redwood, native to China is a deciduous conifer which is quite winter hardy in northern areas of the United States. The delicate appearing foliage appears to be feathery and is bright green in spring. Autumn brings a bronze coloring before all the foliage drops revealing branches. This fast growing species develops quickly with rough bark adding impact to the bonsai design. Although most bonsai are trained in the formal upright style, any upright form is suitable according to the growth characteristics. Forest plantings are popular with different size trunks. *Make your own Redwood forest.* 

5 BARE-ROOT SEEDLINGS- 6-18"- <sup>\$</sup>50 Free Shipping! PRE-BONSAI- 1 GAL, 10-18"- \$45 Free Shipping!



Hinoki cypresses are prized for their elegant fern like dark green foliage which lies flat. This slow growing cultivar is popular for rock gardens. The branches are quite pliable is simply pinched with fingers to avoid brown tips. These pre-bonsai Dwarf hinoki cypress are ready to be shaped and recommended for workshops. They are bushy and can be shaped into impressive bonsai during a three hour workshop. *Great for club workshops or classes!* 

#### PRE-BONSAI- 4" POT, 12-14"- \$50 Free Shipping!

#### Loose Flowering Hornbeam Carpinus laxiflora



The most commonly trained hornbeam in Japan is the Loose flowering hornbeam also called Red leaf hornbeam because the new growth is bright red. During spring and summer long slender flowers form before they become tan fruit. The light grey bark has long distinctive stripes as the tree ages. The light green long leaves have distinctive prominent veins. Although mostly trained for forest bonsai, they are also used for single and multiple trunk style. This easy to grow species is difficult to locate in the United States. *Create an unusual bonsai specimen* 

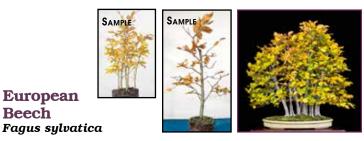
#### 5 TREES IN COMMUNITY POTS- 10-12"- \$50 Free Shipping!



#### Dwarf Stewartia Stewartia monodelpha

Dwarf stewartia (a member of the Camellia family) are grown for the light-brown, cinnamon-colored bark, small white flowers, bright orange autumn foliage and distinct long dormant buds. The fine twigs also make Dwarf stewartia an excellent choice for shohin bonsai and for winter appreciation. Often displayed in winter to appreciate the unusual beautiful bark. Difficult to find outside Japan. These vigorous seedlings have light branching and a fibrous root system which make them excellent for forest bonsai. *A true rare find in the bonsai world*.

#### 1 SEEDLING- 4" POT, 10-12" \$30 Free Shipping!



Beech are a beautiful species primarily grown for their white bark, long buds and fine twigs. The dark green leaves turn bright yellow in autumn. The winter bronze leaves often persist throughout the winter. Forest bonsai are commonly created with beech because they are easy to grow. These five branched seedlings can quickly be created into a forest bonsai and have been grown in a community pot. Trunks become white in about six years. The trained pre-bonsai have light branching and often smaller foliage than Japanese beech.

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#### **Buttercup** Winterhazel Corylopsis pauciflora

The Buttercup winterhazel has full fat yellow buds from late winter to early spring. which contrasts with the light grey bark. The pendulous flowers are much smaller than the common Spike winterhazel. They are often trained into single or multiple trunk style bonsai. Small shohin bonsai can also be trained because of its delicate growth habit and small flower size. They have a spreading growth habit and are well rooted ready for shaping and Training. Full of plump flower buds.

#### 1 SEEDLING- 4" POT, 8-10" \$30 Free Shipping!





Chinese **Quince** Pseudocydonia sinensis

The Chinese Quince, "King of Fruiting Bonsai" is a distinctive species because of its attractive delicate pink flowers in early spring and large fruit during the summer. In autumn the fragrant fruit mature to a golden yellow and the foliage turns bright orange and red. Irregular patches of colorful bark can be best appreciated in the winter. All plants are seedlings from one of our bonsai and have excellent roots. The tall 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.

#### 3 SEEDLING- 2" POT, 8-12" \$35 Free Shipping! PRE-BONSAI- 1 GAL, 16-20"- <sup>\$</sup>90 Free Shipping





Akebono **Flowering Cherry** Prunus x yedonensis 'Akebono'

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The Akebono flowering cherry has fragrant dark pink single flowers in clusters. Small red fruit are produced in summer. The bright delicate colored flowers make this Japanese flowering cherry popular for spring appreciation. The new leaves are bronze turning dark green. Autumn brings colorful red and copper colored foliage. When leaves drop the beautiful shiny bark can be appreciated. The plants are well established with good branching ready for wiring. Dark pink fragrant cherry blossoms welcome spring!



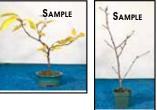


Japanese



Japanese larch are deciduous conifers. Early spring is the best time of the year to appreciate the small delicate opening buds, which look artificial. Following a summer of light green needles they will turn golden yellow in autumn before dropping, displaying beautiful twigs with large buds. Japanese larch are quite winter hardy and will not thrive in warm climates with high humidity. Trees are pliable and have been trimmed and have great branching. Brilliant spring new growth coloring!

#### PRE-BONSAI- 4" POT, 10-16"- \$30 Free Shipping!





#### Okame **Flowering Cherry** Prunus incisa 'Okame'

This hybrid Flowering cherry from England has single pink flowers with red centers. The delicate flowers appear throughout the plant, even on young branches. Autumn brings clear yellow attractive foliage. These select plants have been cutting grown in 3" pots and have been trimmed to develop branches for training into small or medium size bonsai. They are now ready for wiring and shaping into delightful bonsai. Although the trunks are heavy, they can still be wired. Great for creating shohin bonsai and can be potted directly into small bonsai pots. Enjoy a delightful pink spring flowering bonsai!

#### PRE-BONSAI- 3" POT, 8-10"- \$35 Free Shipping!







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

This choice cultivar of Satsuki azalea has beautiful pink flowers which are small, unlike other cultivars. This dwarf cultivar has small foliage which makes it superb for shohin bonsai or larger specimens as well. The compact root system is suitable for potting into bonsai containers now. These Momo No Haru satsuki azaleas have been trained for single trunk bonsai, unlike the commonly available multiple trunk plants. The flexible branches can easily be wired and shaped into bonsai forms. Enjoy a month of pink colorful blossoms.

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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 \$35**.

**Shipping & Handling – FREE SHIPPING** 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. **Please indicate preferred shipping date.** 

**Care Upon Arrival** – Plants should be unboxed 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 watering. Tap roots and heavy roots should be trimmed when planting to encourage an abundance of fibrous roots. Seedlings should be potted before foliage opens and matures.



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