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# About Our Seedlings & Pre-Bonsai Specimens

Each year for the past 36 years I have prepared seedlings for my forest bonsai classes. I carefully evaluate small plants 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 and small plants 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 quick development of an established appearance with a fuller silhouette. Forest bonsai can be easily created from small potted seedlings. They have light branching and a small root

system 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 plants are dormant, healthy and suitable for growing to larger sizes. 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 the pre-bonsai are container grown and established, some from field-grown plants for quick, thick trunk development.

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 all these choice specimens are in limited numbers!

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**Ship Date Requested– We will over winter the plants and ship to you in early spring according to zone hardiness,** unless you request an approximate date desired. However, shipping will also depend on weather conditions. We ship on Mondays and expect packages to arrive by Friday. Order early to reserve plants and avoid dissapointment. Shipping begins in *January to the end of March* depending on weather.

Even though the price of packing & shipping has increased, I will still pay for shipping

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# **2022 Spring Open House & Sale** May 21-22, 2022





# Dwarf Cork-Bark Japanese Black Pine-Pinus thunbergii var. corticosa 'Hakuro'



There are several different cultivars of Japanese black pine which form thick corky bark that look like "wings." The Hakuro Dwarf Cork-Bark Japanese black pine is also in the 'Yatsubusa' grouping of dwarf plants which have multiple buds, short internodes, ability to maintain inner branching and sometimes root easily. There are only a couple of dwarf cultivars of the Cork-Bark Japanese black pine, and Hakuro is one of the most vigorous and easy to grow. Unlike commercially produced grafted plants, these have been carefully low grafted so the graft union is not ugly. When the corky bark develops in the lower trunk sections it will actually extend downward presenting a thicker trunk, very unusual. Corky bark is already developing on the trunks, which adds to the appearance of age. These healthy grafted plants have been grown and trimmed for bonsai.

### PRE-BONSAI- 3 GAL, HEIGHT 14-16" TRUNKS 1.5-2" <sup>\$265</sup> Free Shipping!



This is the most famous trained spruce for bonsai in Japan, but extremely difficult to find in the United States. These Ezo spruce are two year old container grown seedlings. Potted and established with an excellent root system. Low branches can be used to develop into shohin bonsai. The needles are short, straight and branches full of buds for new growth in spring. Young trunks are flexible and can easily be shaped into stunning bonsai with movement. Ezo spruce are most commonly trained in the forest style for bonsai or literati style. Young seedlings allow for trunk placement close together for an interesting design. *Limited quantities, order early.* 

PRE-BONSAI- 4" POT, 8-12"- \$25 3 or more \$20 each Free Shipping!

## Ezo Spruce– Picea glehnii





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.' 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 over 30 winters in Rochester, N.Y. Each seedling has been root pruned and is well branched, older and heavier than last year. Branches are quickly developing. *Bright autumn colors are reliable for these choice seedlings established in four inch pots.* 

#### PRE-BONSAI-4" POT, 12-14" \$90 Free Shipping!



Trident Maple Acer buergerianum

The Trident maple is one of the best deciduous species for forest and single trunk bonsai. This select variety has smaller 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 TREE BAREROOT SEEDLING BUNDLE- 10-18"- <sup>\$</sup>60 Free Shipping! PRE-BONSAI- 4" POT, 10-12"- \$25 Free Shipping! PRE-BONSAI- 1 GAL, 14-18"- \$60 Free Shipping!



#### Valley Cushion Miniature Mugho Pine Pinus mugho 'Valley Cushion'

Usually Dwarf mugho pines are started from seed and have long twisted needles. A new selection of true miniature mugho pines has been selected for miniature growth characteristic with great short needles, highly suitable for shohin bonsai. This great cultivar is grown from cuttings to preserve the characteristics without an ugly graft scar. They can easily be bud pinched to maintain the small foliage and tree size. The miniature mugho pines are very winter hardy. A true rare find in the bonsai world.

#### Koto Hime Japanese Maple Acer pamatum 'Koto Hime'



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 3" pots. Surface roots quickly develop from cuttings and develop heavy trunks when pot grown. The natural growth habit is upright, so horizontal branching needs to be shaped with wire. Short dense 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- 3" POT, 6-10" \$35 Free Shipping!



#### Dwarf Japanese Maple Acer palmatum

Unlike the common Japanese maple, these select seedlings are dwarf in plant character with short internodes and 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 two years in a pot to develop twigs. An unusual Japanese maple with small neat foliage for your bonsai collection!

#### PRE-BONSAI- 4" POT, 14-16"- <sup>\$</sup>95 Free Shipping! BONSAI- 6" PLASTIC BONSAI POT, 10-12"- <sup>\$</sup>120 Free Shipping!

European Beech Fagus sylvatica



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. They have been container grown for better root systems and are beginning to branch. Trunks become white in about six years. They often have smaller foliage than Japanese beech. We can select different size trees for forests. *Train a forest or single tree with beautiful bark!* 

#### PRE-BONSAI- 4" POT, 8-12" \$55 Free Shipping!

PRE-BONSAI- 4" POT, 6-10"- \$65 Free Shipping!



#### Twisted Trunk Pomegranate Punica granatum 'Nejikan'

The Twisted trunk pomegranate has the distinctive bark coils and becomes twisted over the years. They have bright orange flowers during the summer when there is little color in your garden. Edible fruit often develop at the base of the flowers and seeds quickly grow into small plants. Autumn brings clear yellow foliage before dropping to display the twisted bark. This cultivar is not reliably winter hardy in frigid areas and need some protection. *An excellent unusual rare find!* 

#### PRE-BONSAI- 4" POT, 8-12"- \$95 Free Shipping!



Red Choubai Japanese Flowering Quince Chaenomeles japonica 'Chojubai Red'

The Red chojubai dwarf flowering quince is considered to be one of finest for bonsai training. Small red-orange flowers can be produced any time of the year, but late-autumn through spring are the most colorful. New growth is vigorous, yet dwarf. The high quality dark green leaves are very attractive alone. Usually small irregular shaped yellow fruit which are fragrant develop after the flowers. *Full of plump flower buds and is excellent for small and shohin bonsai!* 

PRE-BONSAI- 4" POT, 10-12" \$65 Free Shipping!



Originally from China the Taiwan Boxwood is not often seen the American nursery trade. It is primarily cultivated and trained for bonsai because of the unusual, beautiful rough bark texture. It also has profuse small buds and yellow flowers in late winter to spring which are fragrant. The small dark green leaves are longer than wide. Although larger size bonsai can be trained, smaller bonsai can be developed because they grow quicker than Kingsville Boxwood. Can be grown indoors or outdoors. *Create an unusual bonsai with rough bark and yellow flowers*.

#### PRE-BONSAI- 4" POT, 6-10"- \$45 Free Shipping!



Over 30 years ago Joe Noga collected a wild Crabapple and studied the way it grew. This tree has beautiful pink buds opening to white flowers followed by small round red fruit which grow in bunches and usually persist throughout the winter. It is easy to grow and quite winter hardy and thrives in the heat of some southern regions. All trees have been wired for movement. The larger trees are older with heavier trunks.

#### PRE-BONSAI- 4" POT, SHORT, 6-8"- \$65 Free Shipping! PRE-BONSAI- 4" POT, TALL/OLDER, 8-10"- \$95 Free Shipping!

Valavanis Cypress Chamaecyparis thyoides 'Valavanis'





Discovered and introduced by Wm. N. Valavanis from a witch's broom in New Jersey. This cultivar was named by a friend. Easy to grow from cuttings and train for bonsai. The fine textured light green foliage is soft. The branches and trunks are easy to wire, bend and shape. A beautiful new cultivar selected for its outstanding characteristics for bonsai training. Both small and large bonsai can be quickly created. *Very winter hardy. A premier offering!* 

#### PRE-BONSAI- 4" POT, 9-12"- \$65 Free Shipping!





Sekka hinoki cypress 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. These pre-bonsai are single trunk, quite bushy and can be easily pruned, wired and shaped into impressive bonsai during a single workshop. The foliage is quite tight and tends not to die back. *Great for club workshops or classes!* 

PRE-BONSAI- 1 GAL, 10-14" <sup>\$</sup>65 Free Shipping!





#### Snow Goose Flowering Cherry Prunus serrulata 'Snow Goose

Snow Goose Japanese flowering cherry has lovely small dainty single white blossoms. They explode in early spring presenting the appearance of snow geese flying. The stems are flexible and can be shaped on these plants, now ready for pruning and wiring. Well branched they have an upright growth habit. The small flowers are perfect for small size bonsai. *Full of plump flower buds for a spring flowering burst of color!* 

#### PRE-BONSAI- 4" POT, 12-16" \$65 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 trunks can be wired into interesting shapes or created into a forest bonsai. *Chinese quince has it all– flowers, fruit, fast growing, exfoliating bark and bright autumn color!* 

#### PRE-BONSAI- 3" POT 8-10"- <sup>\$</sup>40 Free Shipping PRE-BONSAI- 4" POT 10-12"- <sup>\$</sup>55 Free Shipping PRE-BONSAI- 2 GAL POT 14-18"- <sup>\$</sup>125 Free Shipping







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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*.





#### Kojo No Mai SAMPLE Flowering Cherry Prunus incisa 'Kojo No Mai'

This new cultivar of Fuji flowering cherry has lovely profuse tightly clustered white flowers with pink centers bursting into blossom in spring on contorted branches. Also called Little Twist cherry. The trunks and branches have a zig-zag growth habit which is unusual and attractive in winter. The delicate autumn foliage becomes orange and maroon. The small plants have been trimmed and are ready for shaping into shohin bonsai or for growing on to larger trees. *Beautiful bountiful blossoms!* 

PRE-BONSAI- 4" POT, 8-12" \$55 Free Shipping!







Dawn Redwood Metasequoia glyptostroboides

Unlike the true redwoods native to California, The Dawn redwoods are native to China and winter hardy throughout the United States. This deciduous conifer has feathery light green foliage in summer which becomes bronze before dropping to reveal the twigs. This fast growing species develop quickly and become heavy with peeling bark. Any style can be created with this species which have flexible trunks and branches. A beautiful summer bonsai!

#### PRE-BONSAI- 1 GAL 10-12"- \$55 Free Shipping!







#### Japanese Larch Larix kaempferi

Japanese larch are deciduous conifers. They are especially attractive in early spring with the small opening buds and fresh, short, light green needles. Autumn brings a golden yellow show before dropping the needles revealing beautiful buds and fine twigs. They are extremely winter hardy and will not survive warm climates with high humidity. Each bundle has several different sizes suitable for forest bonsai. The trunks are still pliable and can be easily wired into curves. *Brilliant early spring new growth.* 

PRE-BONSAI- 1 GAL, 8-12"- \$65 Free Shipping!

**5** TREE BARE ROOT BUNDLE, 12-24"- \$50 Free Shipping!

## **ORDERING INFORMATION**

**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 Late March** by mail order depending on quantities and weather conditions. Plants will be shipped via USPS or Fedex. *No international orders*. Special arrangements can be made to deliver plants to bonsai conventions that I will attend. *We ship according to the weather and your climate. Please indicate approximate 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.



### **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- \$25 Free Shipping



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