



# SPRING 2026 SEEDLINGS & PRE-BONSAI

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## About Our Seedlings & Pre-Bonsai Specimens

Each year for the past 40 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.

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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!

William N. Valavanis

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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 disappointment. Shipping begins in **January to the end of April** depending on weather.

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

**Download pdf version of the seedling color catalog & order online at: [www.internationalbonsai.com](http://www.internationalbonsai.com)**

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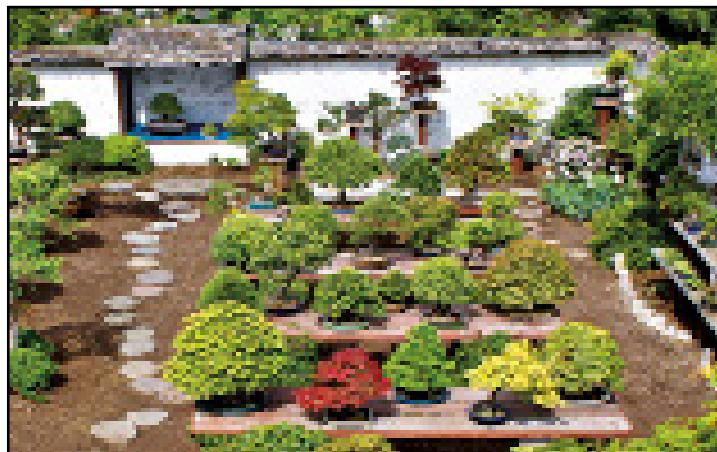
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## 2026 SPRING OPEN HOUSE & SALE

**May 15-16, 2026**



## Itoigawa Sargent Juniper- *Juniperus chinensis* 'Shimpaku Itoigawa'



SAMPLE



GOOD  
FOR  
WORKSHOPS!

Sargent juniper, also called Shimpaku juniper, is a favorite among bonsai artists from beginners to master artist 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 Sargent juniper. They are quick to develop and easy to maintain. The trunks and branches have already been shaped by wiring, (without wire scars,) can withstand quite a bit of bending into extreme as well as delicate forms. These bushy specimens have plenty of options for shaping. Started from cuttings and completely container-grown to ensure health. *These choice plants are great for workshops!*

**PRE-BONSAI- 2 GAL, CURVED TRUNKS & BRANCHES 12-16" \$125 *Free Shipping!***

## Miniature Shimbamitchi Ginkgo- *Ginkgo biloba* 'Shimbamitchi'



SAMPLE

This rare miniature Ginkgo (Maidenhair tree) has extremely small leaves, the size of a dime. It was selected from the famous Shimbamitchi Nursery in Angyo, Japan who also introduced many other choice cultivars for bonsai training. Introduced to the U.S. in the 1980s, the tiny leaves become bright yellow in autumn and combined with slender twigs makes this Miniature Shimbamitchi ginkgo ideal for training into small, shohin and mame size bonsai or forest plantings. These plants have been started from cuttings to avoid ugly graft unions. They will quickly branch out and develop fine twigs. *Be one of the first to add this miniature treasure to your bonsai collection.*

**PRE-BONSAI- 4" POT 6-8" \$45 *Free Shipping!***



**Rough Bark  
Japanese Maple  
Seedling**  
*Acer palmatum*

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.' These seedlings are from my forty year old garden tree which is covered with rough bark and has survived over 40 winters in Rochester, N.Y. Many of the seedlings have the potential to develop rough bark. Each bare-root two year seedling is unbranched. The larger size are well branched. *Bright autumn colors are reliable for these choice seedlings.*

**5 BARE-ROOT SEEDLINGS, 5-22"- \$55 *Free Shipping!*  
PRE-BONSAI- 1 GAL, 14-26"- \$225 *Free Shipping!***



**Trident Maple**  
*Acer buergerianum*

The Trident maple is one of the best deciduous species for forest and single trunk bonsai. This Trident maple has *smaller* dark green, trilobed leaves which turn yellow and orange in autumn.

They quickly grow in trunk caliper and their thin twigs are attractive in winter when the structural beauty can be enjoyed. New shoots grow from old wood after drastic pruning. *This is an easy to grow and train. Great for workshops or larger bonsai.*

**PRE-BONSAI- 1 GAL, 15-24"- \$60 *Free Shipping!***

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**Sekka Hinoki Cypress**  
*Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Sekka'*



Sekka hinoki cypress have a compact growth habit which is excellent for small and shohin bonsai. The excellent, shiny dark green foliage is tight and must be thinned out to find the branches. They have flexible trunks. The foliage is quite tight and tends not to die back. Excellent for forests and smaller size bonsai. *Great for club workshops or classes!*

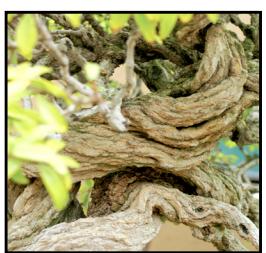
**PRE-BONSAI 4" POT, 8-12"- \$45 *Free Shipping!***



**Japanese  
Snowbell**  
*Styrax japonicus*

The Japanese snowbell is grown for its fragrant lovely white bell-shaped flowers which blossom in early summer when other species have stopped showing off. The flowers develop into interesting white oval fruit during in summer and mature in August, often persisting through autumn. Seedlings have small branching and should be reduced by half and wired to develop sharpening. Trunks tend to grow rather quickly and can be developed into a single trunk specimen. *An excellent unusual rare find!*

**5 BARE-ROOT SEEDLINGS 10-24"- \$65 *Free Shipping!***



**Twisted Trunk  
Pomegranate**  
*Punica granatum 'Nejikan'*

The Twisted trunk pomegranate has distinctive bark which 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 develops at the base of the flowers and seeds quickly grow into small plants. Autumn brings clear yellow leaves before they drop 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- 1 GAL, 10-16"- \$85 *Free Shipping!***

**Red Chojubai 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. Unusual small irregular shaped yellow fruit, which are fragrant, develop after the flowers. *Full of plump flower buds, excellent for small and shohin bonsai!*

**PRE-BONSAI 1 GAL, 7-10"- \$75 *Free Shipping!***

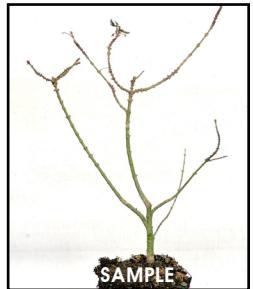
## European Beech- *Fagus sylvatica*



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. 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!*

**5 BARE-ROOT SEEDLINGS, 10-18"- \$65 *Free Shipping!***  
**PRE-BONSAI-1 QUART, 17"-26"- \$125 *Free Shipping!***  
**BONSAI PLASTIC TRAINING POT, 14-24"- \$225 *Free Shipping!***

## Koto Hime Japanese Maple- *Acer palmatum '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 their 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- 4" POT, 10-14"- \$55 *Free Shipping!***



**White Chojubai Japanese Flowering Quince**  
*Chaenomeles japonica*  
**'Chojubai White'**

This is another choice for spring blossoming bonsai. The red Chojubai Japanese flowering quince is becoming increasingly more popular because of its beauty. Closely related is the rare White Chojubai with creamy white, sometimes yellow flowers. This cultivar grows slightly faster than the red and is easy to start from cuttings. The light green foliage is quite attractive, especially in spring. The small yellow fragrant fruit quickly develop in *early summer*. *An excellent unusual rare find!*

**PRE-BONSAI- 1 GAL, 7-10"- \$65 *Free Shipping!***

## Dwarf Japanese Rose

***Rosa yakushianum***



Yakushima island in Japan is native to a tremendous variety of plants, many dwarf or miniature. This tiny Japanese rose is a groundcover and makes a fine accessory plant as well as great small shrubs for rock plantings. The dark-green foliage is finely textured. Small, delicate fragrant blossoms are freely produced in summer. If lucky, small red-fruit develop in autumn and persist during the winter. *A premier rare offering!*

**PRE-BONSAI- 4" POT, 12 x 12" SPREAD- \$45 *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— 1 QUART, 13-20"— \$80 *Free Shipping!***

**Chinese Quince**  
*Pseudocydonia sinensis*



The Chinese Quince, "King of Fruiting Bonsai," is a distinctive species because of the 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 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: flowers, fruit, fast growth, and bright autumn color!*

**PRE-BONSAI TWIGGY— 4" POT, 8-12"— \$50 *Free Shipping!***

**PRE-BONSAI TWIGGY—1 QUART, 10-15"— \$65 *Free Shipping!***



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

This choice cultivar of Satsuki azalea has beautiful pink flowers and small foliage which makes it excellent for shohin bonsai or larger specimens as well. The compact root system makes it suitable for potting into bonsai containers now. These Momo No Haru satsuki azaleas have been trained for single trunks unlike commonly available multiple trunks. The branches can be wired and shaped into upright bonsai forms especially the broom style. *Enjoy a month of pink colorful blossoms.*

**PRE-BONSAI— 1 QUART, 6-8"— \$45 *Free Shipping!***



**Kwanzan Flowering Cherry**  
*Prunus serrulata 'Kwanzan'*

This cultivar of flowering cherry has lovely large profuse flowers, which are double, rather than the single varieties. Their high quality flowers also make this cultivar a popular ornamental tree for garden landscapes. The bark becomes shiny and adds focal points during the dormant seasons. Summer leaves are often green and bronze. *Imagine a delicate cluster of dark pink blossoms.*

**PRE-BONSAI— 1 QUART, 10-16"— \$80 *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 1 qt. pots and have been trimmed to develop branches for training into small or medium size trees. 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— 1 QUART, 16-24"— \$80 *Free Shipping!***



**Kazan Satsuki Azalea**  
*Rhododendron indicum 'Kazan'*

There are over 2,000 cultivars of Satsuki azaleas primarily selected for their flower colors and shapes. Kazan has lovely salmon flowers which is unusual for a Satsuki. However, the most distinctive characteristic of Kazan is the small, pointed dark green glossy foliage, which can still be appreciated even after the small flowers fade away. They even look lovely when not in flower. Easy to grow and train especially for shohin bonsai because of its dwarf, small plant characteristic. *Salmon flowers in early summer!*

**PRE-BONSAI— 4" POT, 4-7"— \$45 *Free Shipping!***



### Japanese Hornbeam

*Carpinus japonica*

The popular Japanese hornbeam has beautiful distinctive

foliage, large ornamental hanging fruit and light colored bark. The leaves turn clear yellow in autumn and suddenly drop. Fruit pods develop in spring, even on young specimens, and have a reddish blush during the summer. They persist until autumn when they turn tan and often last through the winter. The vigor of these seedlings is outstanding and trunks will soon thicken to make fine individual specimens.

The roots quickly develop a fibrous root system. A great species for shohin bonsai. *Create your own miniature Japanese hornbeam forest.*

**5 BARE-ROOT SEEDLINGS- 14-18"- \$65 Free Shipping**



### Korean Hornbeam

*Carpinus turczaninovii*

The Korean hornbeam is excellent for both forests and single trunk bonsai. The neat, small leaves turn a brilliant yellow-orange in autumn. Light colored bark contrasts well with the reddish buds in winter. These are a rare species which are difficult to locate in small sizes. The trunks have been selected for variety of sizes.

*Very winter hardy. A premier offering!*

**5 BARE-ROOT SEEDLINGS, 10-12"- \$55 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 April** by mail order depending on quantities and weather conditions. Plants will be shipped via Fedex or USPS. **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, watered, 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. Two or three seedling bundles will generally fit well in this size container.

**Container size: 17" x 12" x 2" deep- \$30 Free Shipping!**

### Loose Flowering Hornbeam

**Red Shoot Hornbeam**  
*Carpinus laxiflora*



In Japan the Loose flowering hornbeam species is the most popular used for bonsai training. The new shoots are bright red appearing in spring and throughout the summer. Small long yellow hanging flowers appear through the spring and summer. They turn light brown in late summer and often persist through the winter. Although often trained for forest style bonsai, they are also shaped in single and multiple trunk styles. The light grey bark has long distinctive stripes as it ages. *This is an easy to grow and train species.*

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### Jacqueline Hillier Elm

*Ulmus hollandica*  
'Jacqueline Hillier'



The Jacqueline Hillier elm has an unusual growth habit and bright green leaves and prominent leaf buds in winter. The branching is quite dense making it a popular plant for shohin or mame bonsai. Easy to shape with trimming and wiring. Slow growing growth habit. *Very winter hardy. A premier offering, difficult to locate!*

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