

# Chelsea New Plant Releases May 2011

## *Acer palmatum* 'Marlo'



*Acer palmatum* 'Marlo' is a superb new Japanese maple with deeply lobed leaves, dark green in the centre conspicuously edged with pink. The colour becomes more intense during spring and autumn.

One of the most vibrant new maples available, this new cultivar, although similar to *Acer palmatum* 'Taylor', has more strongly variegated foliage and is more reliable in the garden.

H4 (hardy throughout the British Isles).  
Height and spread after 10 years: 1.5m x 1.5m.  
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## *Acer palmatum* 'Shaina'



A beautiful small tree of columnar habit, *Acer palmatum* 'Shaina' is a sport of the ever popular *Acer* 'Bloodgood'. The deeply lobed palmate leaves are ruby-red, turning rich crimson in autumn. Conspicuous winged red fruits appear in late summer.

H4 (hardy throughout the British Isles).  
Height x spread in 10 years: 4m x 2m.  
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## *Exochorda* 'Niagara' (Snow Day-Surprise)



*Exochorda* 'Niagara' is an excellent new form of exochorda with a graceful compact habit. Masses of pearl buds open to a flood of pure white flowers during the spring, creating drama in the contemporary container or as a delightful addition to the border.

H4 (hardy throughout the British Isles).  
Hardy down to -34°C.  
Flowers in April-May.  
Height x spread in 10 years: 1m x 1m .  
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## *Sinocalycalycanthus raulstonii* 'Hartlage Wine'



Named by Roy Lancaster as one of his top plants of Chelsea 2010, *Sinocalycalycanthus raulstonii* 'Hartlage Wine' is now more widely available. This rare shrub has glossy green foliage and carries delicately scented semi-double flowers up to 7.5cm from May right through to September.

The flowers are a rich wine colour with a cluster of cream, central petals around a deep burgundy centre. In autumn, the leaves turn butter-yellow before falling.

A cross between *Sinocalycanthus chinensis* and *calycanthus floridus*, *Sinocalycalycanthus raulstonii* 'Hartlage Wine' was developed at JC Raulston Arboretum in North Carolina by Head Gardener, Richard Hartlage.

**Size:** The plant grows to 3m x 2m and responds well to pruning to maintain the desired size.

**Position:** The plant will thrive in any good, moist, but well-drained soil in full sun to light, dappled shade. It requires protection in winter from very cold winter winds.

Available from selected garden centre nationwide, Hillier Garden Centres and online at [www.hillier.co.uk](http://www.hillier.co.uk)

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