

## Why Winter Prune?

Some trees particularly deciduous ornamental trees really benefit from a winter prune.



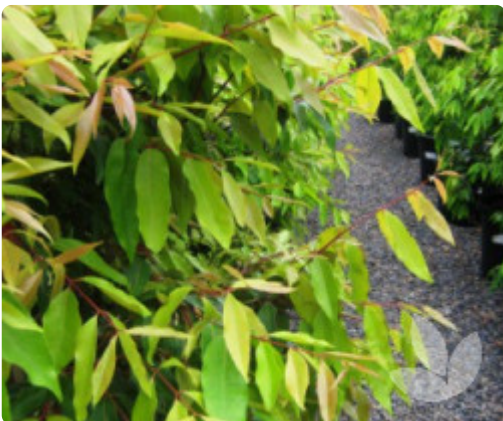
### **Acer palmatum atropurpureum** **PURPLE JAPANESE MAPLE**

Stronger foliage growth on most Japanese Maples will be promoted with a light pruning in winter. Your objective is to find the right level of pruning so that what is revealed is a branch pattern that looks good with or without foliage.



### **Ginkgo biloba** **MAIDENHAIR TREE**

With ornamental deciduous trees it is recommended to wait until it is bare of foliage so its structure is fully visible. Remove low-hanging, drooping branches from the base, and any competing branches from its trunk. With Ginkgo, its lateral branching makes for a wonderful feature specimen so aim to have a canopy that makes up two-thirds of the total tree height.



### **Waterhousea floribunda 'ST1'** **Whisper (syn. Syzygium)** **WHISPER WEEPING LILLY PILLY**

This is a versatile, bushy tree with a wonderful weeping habit making it perfect for large screening projects and the softening of ugly fence lines. Tip pruning in early Spring keeps foliage dense, the benefits of which will be easily seen with the advent of warmer weather and the tinge of reddish new growth.



## **Photinia robusta**

### **RED LEAF PHOTINIA**

Photinia is a fast growing small tree with a dense habit that is great for large screens or hedges. Trimming to keep Photinia in shape can occur at various points throughout the year and will depend on the formal shape you are trying to achieve. Any heavier selective pruning such as removing branches to allow better air circulation and access to sunlight to grow evenly should be done in late winter.

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