

# **Forest Development from Seed**

## **Japanese Maple – *Acer palmatum***

- 1) Collect seed in the fall from trees with small, well shaped leaves. Plant in flats and leave outside to stratify and sprout in the spring.
- 2) Allow to grow for two years in the flats. This flat is one year old.
- 3) Transplant into pots of various sizes so the trees grow for two to three years. Trim to develop branching. Trees in smaller pots will stay smaller.
- 4) For a large tree forest root prune and repot for another two to three years of growth. A smaller forest does not need to be repotted in the individual pots.
- 5) Root prune and arrange the trees in a flat pot to create the forest. Arrange the trees so they are:
  - Randomly spaced

- You can see all of the trunks from the front
- The smaller trees are towards the outside