

Acer palmatum - Japanese Maple - Deshojo

This particular tree, a triple trunk style, is one of the few purchased for the National Bonsai Collection and bought from Ken Lever, Windybank Bonsai. It was acquired by Ken Norman; at that time, there were few deciduous trees in the Collection and those that were exhibited were loaned.



2004: tree after initial thinning out



Appearance in 2007

Following its acquisition, it was placed in the Collection in full leaf. Once its' leaves had dropped, it was removed from the Collection and re-styled at her home by Kath Hughes. This necessitated the removal or shortening of a number of branches in order to establish a better image of the tree.



Tree as it appeared in 2010



Spring of 2020 prior to thinning out

It was allowed to develop over a season before being restored to the Collection, where it has since proved a popular exhibit with the public, the seasonal variations in leaf colour being a highlight. As a deciduous specimen, it has required regular trimming two or three times a year during the growing season, but maintains a well- defined shape.



August 2004



May 2005



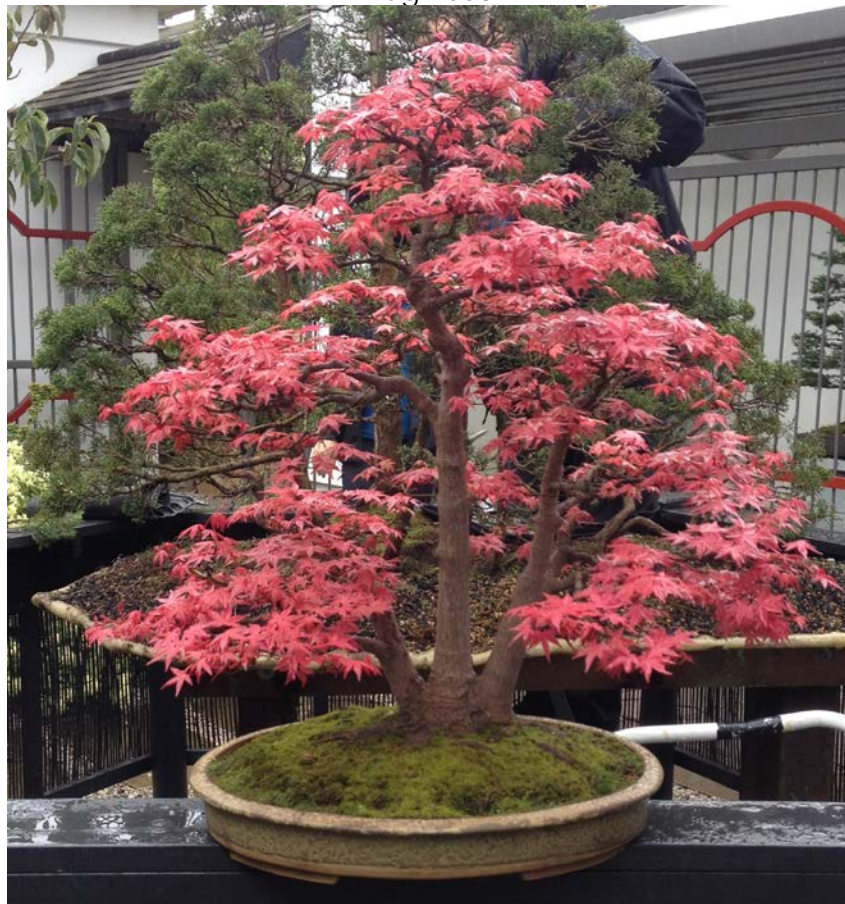
May 2007



Aug 2010



Aug 2008



April 2018



Aug 2018



Aug 2020.



Dec 2020.