Common Name: JAPANESE MAPLE

Scientific Name: Acer palmatum

Also called: Smooth Japanese maple

Glenn Otto Park 45 32 177 N
122 22 668 W

This deciduous shrub or small tree is often grown in shady woodlands as here.

Height: To 16 meters

It may have multiple trunks joining close to the ground.

The flowers have white petals.

The fruit is a samara. The seedlings can be a nuisance in woodlands.

Site: Cultivated in Japan for centuries, this tree has been grown in temperate areas around the world. It grows best in deep, well-drained, fertile soils.

The Japanese maple casts a deep shadow so few plants can grow under it.

This is a popular tree for bonsai enthusiasts.