



## The 2008 International Maple Symposium in Japan: 12<sup>th</sup>–14<sup>th</sup> November 2008

The 2008 International Maple Symposium will take place at the Kawaguchi Centre in the Saitama Prefecture, just a few miles north of Tokyo, on November 12<sup>th</sup>–14<sup>th</sup>. This will be followed by two post-symposium tours – the Tochigi Prefecture tour on the 14<sup>th</sup>–15<sup>th</sup> November and the Kyoto tour on the 16<sup>th</sup>–18<sup>th</sup> November.

### Symposium: 12<sup>th</sup>–14<sup>th</sup> November

The symposium topics and speakers will include:

*New Japanese Maples* by Dr Yokoi.

*Native Maples of Japan* by Mr Murakoshi.

*Propagation of Japanese Maples* by Mr Kawahamada.

*Budding and Selection Work in Acer* by Dr R.Olsen.

*American Maples and their Asiatic Counterparts* by D.Hinkley.

Arrangements are also in progress for a Chinese speaker on the *Native Chinese Maples*, a speaker on *Maple Species in Europe* and, possibly, one other speaker.

The Kawaguchi City and Saitama City areas form a very old plant nursery district which used to be known as Angyo since at least the 1600s – the Japanese have been practicing horticulture for more than a thousand years. This district houses numerous nurseries growing a wide diversity of plants, including some maple specialists. Local tours during the symposium may include visits to the old Kobayashi and Tsukasa Nurseries, both famous for maple cultivars.

### Post-symposium tours

#### 14<sup>th</sup>–15<sup>th</sup> November

A tour of Nikko and the nurseries and natural areas in the Tochigi Prefecture, NNW of Tokyo. It will include visits to the hot springs, the beautiful Togoshu temple, and to maples in the wild in the mountainous national park.

#### 16<sup>th</sup>–18<sup>th</sup> November

A visit to the old city of Kyoto, world famous for its old temples and gardens. It involves travelling on the Shinkansen, the bullet train, and seeing the native maples growing in the mountain areas near the city.

### Accommodation

This has been arranged in the Urawa Royal Pines Hotel in Kawaguchi:  
[www.royalalpines.co.jp/Urawa/English/room.html](http://www.royalalpines.co.jp/Urawa/English/room.html)



### Costs

Symposium Registration: \$100

**Accommodation: \$160 per night per room bed and breakfast (\$80 per person for double occupancy).**

Tochigi Tour: \$200–250 per person, inclusive of hotel and transport.

Kyoto Tour: \$300–400 per person, inclusive of hotel and transport

*Note:* It is uncertain at the moment, if these costs include meals.

### Flights

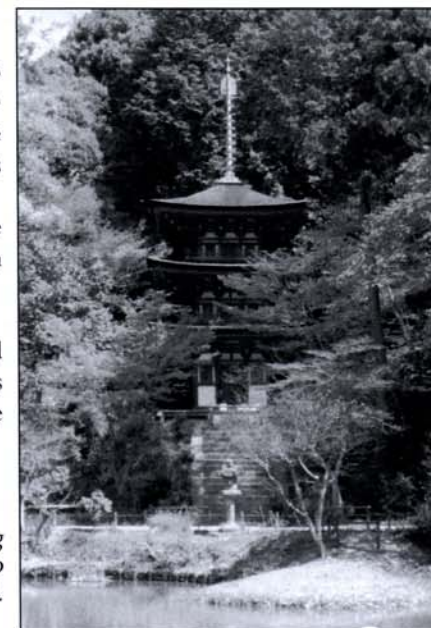
Participants should plan to arrive at the Tokyo Narita Airport (NRT) on or before the 11<sup>th</sup> November. A shuttle service [www.fromtheairporttothehotel.com](http://www.fromtheairporttothehotel.com) from the airport to the hotel is being arranged for arrivals on the 11<sup>th</sup> November.

*Note:* Many of us need to remember we are crossing the International Date Line when travelling to Japan.

Further information, including the final programme of talks and speakers, plus registration details, will be posted on the Maple Society website in early June.

[www.ubcbotanicalgaredn.org/maplesociety](http://www.ubcbotanicalgaredn.org/maplesociety)

*Jojuri-Ji Temple, nestling on a hillside near Kyoto (photo: Brian Dixon).*



## 'Hanburyana': Periodical devoted to horticultural taxonomy and nomenclature

'Hanburyana' is a relatively new magazine produced by the Royal Horticultural Society Botany Department. It is devoted to horticultural taxonomy and nomenclature and, in some ways, aims to fill the gap left by the discontinuation of 'Baileya'. The first volume was published in March 2006. This is available, free of charge, both as a printed copy or on-line at:

<http://www.rhs.org.uk/Learning/publications/hanburyana/index.asp>

where you can now view the contents of Volume 1.

Volume 2 contains proposals to amend the **International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants (ICNCP)**, discussed at the 5<sup>th</sup> Symposium on the Taxonomy of Cultivated Plants last October, *Hydrangea cultivar* registrations for 2001–2005, articles on the cultivated forms of *Empatorium cannabinum*, the correct name for *Fittonia albiensis* 'Nana', and descriptions of all plants which have received awards from the RHS in 2006.