

Maple Cultivar Registration

Introduction:

The International Maple Society was appointed International Cultivar Registration Authority (ICRA) for the genus *Acer* by the International Society for Horticultural Science (I.S.H.S.) in 2013. The ICRA system aims to promote stability in the naming of cultivated plants by promoting lists of authenticated names in a number of important groups of plants which are commonly cultivated. Further information on ICRA's may be found at: <http://www.ishs.org/icra/index.htm>.


The system is a voluntary, non-statutory one and does not confer any legal protection over the name or the plant. Such protection has to be sought through statutory schemes such as national Plant Breeders' Rights or Plant Patents. The ICRA system is in effect the horticultural world's attempt at self-policing of nomenclature and is truly international in its scope. Each ICRA is also charged with ensuring that new names are formally established (i.e. published in hard copy, with a description in a dated publication). Establishment in this context is an important concept since it is only after such publication that the name has precedence for its use for a particular plant. Whilst the ICRA will ensure through its own publications that names are established, registrants should not necessarily rely on this and should try to ensure that their new names are securely established as soon after registration as possible.

Registration of *Acer* cultivars

For the genus *Acer*, registration of a new cultivar entails the registrant **to complete The Registration Form that can be found in the Cultivar Registration Section in the International Maple Society Website**. The Registration Form is designed to bring together all the information that the ICRA requires so that the Registrar may ensure that a new cultivar name is properly established within the rules as laid down in the International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants (I.C.N.C.P.). This Code is issued at periodic intervals under the authority of the Commission for the Nomenclature of Cultivated Plants, a body which itself lies under the aegis of the International Union of Biological Sciences (I.U.B.S.). Details of the latest edition of the Code, including details of how to acquire a copy, may be found at: <http://www.ishs.org/sci/icracpco.htm>. Please fill in the form carefully. The following notes are designed to be helpful for those not familiar with what is required. If you need to include extra papers with the form, please ensure that they are attached together and that each separate sheet is labelled with the proposed name of the cultivar. Remember, a plant is not, in itself, a cultivar. A cultivar is a taxonomic unit made up of a number of plants with the same set of characteristics, so do not attempt to register a name if the original plant has not been propagated to the point where a number of identical plants exist. The I.C.N.C.P. defines a cultivar thus: "A cultivar is an assemblage of plants that has been selected for a particular attribute or combination of attributes and that is clearly distinct, uniform, and stable in these characteristics and that when propagated by appropriate means retains those characteristics." A summary of how to form a cultivar name may be found at: <http://www.ishs.org/sci/icraname.htm>. **Photographs, and even videos, should be used along textual description. Such a photographs/videos should show the characteristics whereby the cultivar differs from other known cultivars.**

Management of the registered cultivars

Information, pictures, etc. of registered cultivars will be placed in the dedicated section in the International Maple Society Website. This section will serve as the trusted repository for cultivar information and will be instrumental in promoting confidence in the commercialisation of the cultivars. In addition the International Maple Society will use its presence in social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram,...) to publicize the event of each new registration.

		<p>THE INTERNATIONAL MAPLE SOCIETY</p>	<h1>MAPLE CULTIVAR REGISTRATION FORM</h1>
<p>Appointed in 2013 as the International Cultivar Registration Authority (ICRA) for the Genus Acer</p>		<p>Addresses for correspondence: registrar@internationalmaplesociety.org</p>	
		<p>Questions with * are mandatory, others are optional but Registrants are encouraged to answer as many as possible</p>	
<h3>Part 1: Naming the New Cultivar</h3>			
1	<p>State the species to which the cultivar belongs (if known).*</p>		
2	<p>Do you believe the cultivar to be a hybrid (a cross between two species)?*</p>		
	<p>If the answer to the question above is Yes, please state the name (species/cultivar or both) of the parents if known.</p>		
	<p>If known, please state the female (pistillate) parent.</p>		
3	<p>Write your proposed cultivar name (epithet) here.*</p>		
4	<p>Name and address of Originator. Date originated *</p>		
	<p>Name and address of Nominator if different from above. Date named*</p>		
	<p>Name and address of Registrant if different from above. * Contact email address.*</p>		
5	<p>If the cultivar name is being registered on behalf of an organization, give the name and address of that organization.*</p>		
6	<p>Has permission been granted for the cultivar to be registered if not the property of Registrant?*</p>		
7	<p>As far as you know, has the name previously been published in a dated publication, paper or online, along with a description?*</p>		
	<p>If the answer to the question above is Yes, please give details of the earliest publication with your application*</p>		
8	<p>As far as you know, has the cultivar ever been subject to application for, or grant of, a Patent or Plant Breeders' Rights?*</p>		
	<p>If the answer to the question above is Yes, please give details of the first such issuing authority and any grant number(s) issued. Grant Number Issued by</p>		

9	Is the cultivar being sold under a trade designation (selling name) instead of the cultivar name?*	
	If the answer to the question above is Yes, please list any such trade designations together with any other information you may have.	
10	Is the cultivar marketed under a trademark which has been formally been registered by a trademark authority (and entitled to bear the sign ®)?*	
	Is the cultivar marketed under a common-law trademark denoted by the sign ™?*	
	If the answer to either of the questions above is Yes, please give name and address of the trademark owner (or the assignee) and for registered trademarks, please state the issuing authority together with any grant number (if known)	
11	If the cultivar is named after someone living or dead, do you have permission from that person (or his/her legal representative) to register the name?*	
12	If it is not obvious, please state derivation (meaning) of your proposed name.*	
13	Has a nomenclatural standard (herbarium specimen) been deposited in a recognized herbarium?*	
	If the answer to the question above is Yes, please list the herbarium and any others maintaining duplicates.	
Part 2: History of the New Cultivar		
14	Please give the location where the original plant of the new cultivar was found, who found it, and when. Please state if it was found growing in the wild or in cultivation.*	
15	Was the original plant of the new cultivar selected from a batch of cultivated seedlings?*	
	If the answer to the question above is Yes, please state name of parents if known	
16	Was the original plant of the cultivar derived from a sport of another recognized cultivar?*	
	If the answer to the question above is Yes, please state name (species/cultivar) of parent plant	
17	Name and address of initial Propagator and date of initial propagation	
18	If the original plant of the cultivar was received as an unnamed seedling, from whom and where did it come?	
19	If the cultivar has received any awards, please list them here	

Part 3: Description of the New Cultivar		
20	What are the distinctive characteristics of the new cultivar?*	
21	What existing cultivar does the new cultivar most resemble?*	
22	In what way is the new cultivar distinct from the cultivar listed above?*	
23	Please give here any other descriptive information you think may be relevant.*	
24	Please indicate the height and width of the original specimen of the cultivar (state in meters/centimeters or feet/inches).	
25	If you consider that the new cultivar has special merits for a particular purpose, please explain below.*	
26	Please write here any other comments or information you would like the Registrar to publish*	