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There is a lot of work going on at the nursery trying to improve root structure. Some varieties of under stock are naturally tap-rooted. We twice transplant some of our varieties and now are testing the use of hormones.



On the right is a normal Gleditsia, and on the left is one that has been treated with hormone. We are also working on Oak and Sugar Maple.

We're thinking a more fibrous root system, easier to transplant, more vigor to start, faster to sale, and more money in your pocket. Good Deal!



# Tree Notes

*Crataegus phaenopyrum*

## Parrotia All Year

There are few trees in the trade that offer four seasons of interest with as much pizzazz as *Parrotia persica*.

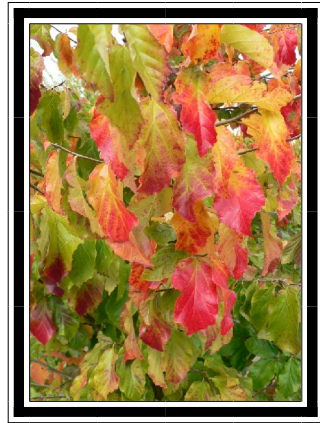


The years starts in early spring with showy crimson 1/2" stamens on bare branches. Soon the new leaves appear with bronze highlights,

then gradually darken to a glossy dark green. In fall the leaves explode into florid, inflamed reds, yellows crimson and scarlet, which stay on the branches for a considerable time. But this tree is not over yet. As it ages, the bark takes on shades of grey, green, white and brown for winter interest. *Parrotia* can be grown either as a multi-stem or in

tree form. It tends to want to branch low, so some pruning may be necessary.

Zone 5, 20'x20', moderate growth rate, no insect or disease problems, drought tolerant; it's a very useful tree.



## Cat's Eyes



Jake the Lion has heard the nasty rumor going around that Acer 'Marmo' doesn't color up in the fall. To this he says "Bull-ony! You just have to get a close-up view of the leaves, like us big cats. There's lots of

