

## Redvein maple (Acer rufinerve)

It is said that this maple tree is called urihada kaede in Japanese because the color of its bark resembles the color of the skin (hada) of the Japanese gourd (uri). In early spring, along with the budding of leaves, characteristic flowers reminiscent of festival flowers (sumobana violet) bloom. In addition, as the bark peels cleanly and is strong and beautiful, it is used as a material for making mino, traditional Japanese raincoats, and other items too.