**Red Maple**  
*Acer rubrum*

### Plant Characteristics
Pyramidal or elliptical when young, becomes more spreading with age, eventually developing a more or less rounded or oval outline.

**Size:**  
- Height: 40 ft. to 30 ft.  
- Width: 25 ft. to 45 ft.

**Leaves:** 2-4 inches long, opposite, 3 to 5 lobed. Emerging leaves are reddish tinged gradually changing to medium to dark green above with a distinct gray cast beneath.

**Flower:** Red, rarely yellowish; March into April, dense clusters before the leaves.

**Fruit:** Samara that is often reddish maturing to brown that is 2-3” long.

**Soil:** Very tolerant, prefers slightly acid, moist conditions.

### Tolerances
Tolerant of ozone & partial shade

### USDA Hardiness Zone
Zone 3, select those grown in northern region

### Light Range
Full Sun

### pH
5.5–7.3 pH

### Rate of Growth
Medium to fast.

### Other
- easy to transplant and establish
- tolerant of many conditions and adaptable
- tolerates occasional flooding and wet soils
- on alkaline soils develops manganese chlorosis
- one of the first trees to show fall color
- stronger wood than silver maple
- native to North America