

# Silver Maple

## Acer Saccharinum



- **Plant Characteristics:** Upright with strong spreading branches forming an oval to rounded crown with pendulous branchlets with turn up at the ends. Habitat is from Quebec to Florida, to Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana.
- **Size:** Height: 50– 70'  
Width: 30–50'
- **Foliage:** 5–Lobed, 3–6" across, bright to medium green above, silvery white beneath and pubescent when young. Yellow fall color.
- **Flower:** Greenish yellow to deep orangish., without petals.
- **Fruit:** Double–winged samaras, brownish tan, matures in late May–June.
- **Soil:** Tolerant of a wide variety of soils but achieves maximum size in moist soils and prefers slightly acid. Does poorly on tight clay soils.
- **Tolerances::** One of the best trees for poor soils.
- **USDA Hardiness Zone:** Zone 3
- **Light Range:** Full sun.
- **pH Range:** 4.5–7.0
- **Water:** Susceptibility to drought.
- **Other:** Used in windbreaks, wildlife cover.
  - Grows 10–12' in 4–5 years.
  - Root system is shallow, vigorous, grass-feeding.
  - Fastest growing American maple.