

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