

RED MAPLE TREE

Acer Rubrum ~ Aceraceae ~ Deciduous tree

Quick Facts

- Grows between 100' and 120' tall
- Oval shaped crown
- Native to:
 - Northern States: low wetlands and river flood plains
 - Southern States: drier upland areas
- Fast growing
- Very susceptible to fire
- Can grow in a wide variety of soils
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- Can reach 150 years in age
- Lumber is used for a multitude of things ranging from baseball bats to bowling pins to furniture
- Strong Lumber

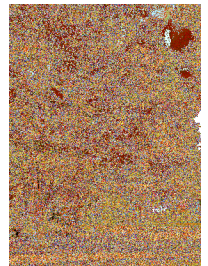


Leaves/Flowers/Fruit/Bark

- Shiny green on top; pale green on bottom
- 3 to 5 lobes per leaf
- Palmately lobed
- Usually 6 inches across

Leaves turn red in fall and become one of the most attractive fall trees

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- Simple leaves
- Opposite
- Coarsely Serrate
- Flowers appear in March and April
 - Appear in small, red clusters
- Fruit appears on Maple Keys or Samaras (helicopters) in late May and June
- Reddish stems and twigs
- Very light bark resembling beech trees
- Bark often shaggy and scaly and is darker on older trees



Threats

- Leaf Stalk Borer & Petiole Borer
 - Enters leaf stalk just below the leaf blade and defoliates, however rarely serious injury to the tree
- Gall Mites
 - Causes formations of galls on leaves, not serious so chemical prevention is not usually needed
- Aphids
 - Causes leaf drop and causes a honey dew on some leaves
- Anthracnose is a disease that causes light brown areas on leaves
- Scorch is a disease that causes these brown spots between the veins of the leaves

Trivia Question

Maple Trees are known for what season?

- A. Spring
- B. Summer
- C. Autumn
- D. Winter

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