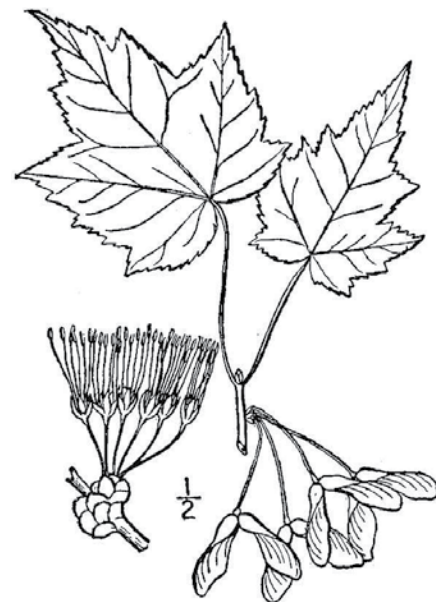


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Description: The red maple is one of the most recognized trees. From red flowers to its beautiful bark, red maple offers a variety of interests for the landscape in all seasons of the year. This is a beautiful shade tree that has strong wood, but is also fast-growing. It is used as a lawn or park tree

Height: 40 - 60 feet.

Trunk Diameter:

Spread: 40 - 50 feet or less (from center at maturity).

Growth Rate: Fast.

Leaves: Three- or five-lobed leaves unfold reddish and become green (underside lighter, with hairs) while leafstalks remain red.

Fall Color: Fall foliage is quite variable, ranging from the brilliant red for which the species is known, to yellow or greenish-yellow.

Flowers: March and April - Clusters of small red flowers.

Fruit: Reddish, winged fruit called samaras or "keys" become brown and mature in May and June.

Root:

Sun: Full sun to part shade.

Value: Deer resistant, seldom severely damaged. Red maple wood is called "soft maple" in the lumber trade but should not be confused with the weaker-wooded silver or water maple (*Acer saccharinum*). Its wood is heavy and close-grained.

Issues: Roots in a dense, fibrous network, often preventing other plants from growing near its trunk.