Acer rubrum
Red Maple

The Red Maple tolerates the widest variety of soil conditions of any North American forest species. Its leaves turn brilliant scarlet, orange, and yellow in the fall, making it a popular ornamental tree.

**Height:** 40-70 feet

**Spread:** 30-50 feet

**Bloom color:** Red

**Characteristics**

Medium-sized deciduous shade tree with full, rounded crown

Three- to five-lobed leaves with silvery underside

Inconspicuous bright red flowers in March and April

Paired, winged, red-brown fruit from April to June

Red, orange, and yellow fall foliage color

Smooth bark when young, turning to plate-like scales between vertical ridges when older

**Attributes**

Fast-growing

Tolerates wet soil and air pollution

Very cold hardy

Attractive to wildlife

**Growing and Maintenance Tips**

Soil requirements: Average to rich, well-drained

Light requirements: Full sun to part-shade

Water requirements: Medium to wet

Avoid planting near sidewalks or driveways as shallow root systems may cause buckling

Use as a specimen tree for the lawn

Hardiness: USDA Zones 3-9

**Excellent Replacement for**

Acer palmatum - Japanese Maple

Acer platanoides - Norway Maple

Acer pseudoplatanus - Sycamore Maple

Broussonetia papyrifera - Paper Mulberry

Morus Alba - White Mulberry

**Where To See It Growing**

See “A List of Trees and Where to See Them” in the Tried and True Plants section of the Resources menu.

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