

Red Maple

This Native shade tree is a fast growing specimen with great fall color. Red Maple will grow in just about any soil conditions. This tree has a very high wildlife value. Many species of birds and mammals rely on Maples for a food source. Maples are a host plant for the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail and Mourning Cloak butterflies as well as several moth species. It is a good early season nectar source for bees. The sap from the Red Maple can be utilized to make Maple Syrup. A purple to black dye can be created from the boiled inner bark. Native Americans utilized the bark and inner bark as relief for inflamed eyes and cataracts, for hives, muscle aches and for treating coughs and diarrhea. The wood is used for furniture and fuel.

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Acer rubrum

- Hardiness: Zone 3-9
- Size: 40-60' tall and wide
- Habit: Medium to Fast growth rate. Pyramidal in youth, rounded with age
- Culture: Prefers full sun and well-drained to moist soils.
- Uses: Shade tree, street tree, rain garden, wet areas, fall color, flower, very high wildlife value, birds, butterflies, bees, dye, syrup, edible, medicinal, furniture, pioneer species.