



Red Maple

Acer rubrum

Growing Information

- Plant Type: Tree
- Sunlight: Sun
- Soils: Moist to average to dry
- Bloom Time: April
- Size: Tall

Considered a keystone species because of its value to a diverse number of insect and animal species. Red maple is known for its beautiful fall color. It can tolerate a wide range of soils, variable pH and even pollution, and therefore should be considered for use as a street tree, parks, and in rain gardens.

Garden Companions

Black chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*); American Hazelnut (*Corylus americana*); Anise-scented Goldenrod (*Solidago odoro*); New England aster (*Symphyotrichum novae-angliae*); Beardtongue (*Penstemon digitalis*)

Nature Benefits

- Host for over 275 species of moth and butterfly caterpillars.
- Spring flowers offer nectar and pollen for a variety of insects.
- Seeds provide food for both birds and mammals.

Natural Habitat

Occurs in lowlands and wetlands but can also be found in hardwood forests.