



# RED MAPLE

(Acer Rubrum)



**Soil Type:** No preference but prefers acidic soil.

**Moisture** Normal moisture

**Drainage Requirements:**  
Poor-excellent

**Sun/Shade:** Partial - full

**Maximum height:**  
35-100 ft (10-30m)

**Max Width/Spread:**  
25-40 ft (7-12m)

**Growth Rate:** Medium-fast:  
up to 2ft/year with good sun and moisture conditions.

**Flowers:** Red flowers from March - May

**Human Edible Fruit?:** No

**Fun Fact:** With leaves turning to a vibrant red, this tree knows how to outshine it's peers through the autumn season. Thanks to its adaptable roots, the red maple is able to grow in a variety of soils and growing conditions and is more tolerant to city conditions like salt and pollution than the sugar maple. The red maple can be tapped for a semi-sweet sap but you'll have to wait a while, red maples can only be tapped after their 40th birthday.

**Space Requirements:**

20 sq ft. Its roots are shallow, but they can spread widely, so make sure you plant your red maple where it will have room to grow.

**Suitable For:** This highly adaptive species is perfect for yards with difficult growing conditions.

**Not Suitable For:** Locations with minimal space for root growth sidewalks.

**Maintenance Level:**

Minimal, will need pruning in early years to establish a central leader. Prune in autumn.

**Avg Lifespan:** Avg of 150 years. Reaches maturity at 70-80 years old.

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