

Silver Maple

Acer saccharinum

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- Broadleaf deciduous tree, 80-100 ft (24-30 m), decurrent, ascending branches, rounded form. Bark smooth, gray when young, becoming shaggy with age. Leaves opposite, simple, 8-15 cm across and 15-17 cm long, deeply lobed (5-7 lobes), coarse, sharp, irregular teeth, bright green above and silvery white below and pubescent when young; petiole 8-12 cm long; fall color yellow, brown and rarely red. Flowers short stalked, red to greenish, without petals; appear in late winter and long before the leaves.
- Sun, Rapid Growing, Easy to grow. One of the best trees for poor soil, but it suffers severely from [leaf chlorosis](#) on alkaline soils with a pH greater than 7.5. In its native habitat found along streams; it can survive weeks of inundation.
- Native range from Quebec east to Minnesota, south to Oklahoma, Louisiana and Florida.