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RED MAPLE

Acer rubrum

Large, well-adapted shade tree, interesting spring and fall color. Important early nectar source, bountiful host plant, and shelter/refuge for countless wildlife taxa.

Benefits for Wildlife

- Important early nectar source for pollinators
- Shelter for birds and small mammals
- Deer and moose browse branches

Host to 282 caterpillar species, including (common names): Bantam Maple Dagger; The Beggar; Rosy Maple Moth; Mourning Cloak; Definite Tussock Moth; Small-eyed Sphinx; Interrupted Dagger Moth; Crocus Geometer

Benefits for People

- Hardy, adaptable, fast-growing large shade tree
- Interesting spring bloom and fall foliage give Red Maple its name
- Excellent hardwood for firewood, tools, and furniture

Growing Information

<i>Sunlight</i>	Full to part shade
<i>Soil Type</i>	Varied, moist to dry, acidic
<i>Height</i>	40–60'
<i>Width</i>	30-50'
<i>Flowering calendar</i>	May

Natural Habitat

- Forests, streambanks

