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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.

Growing Information

Sunlight	Full to part shade
Soil Type	Varied, moist to dry, acidic
Height	40–60'
Flowering calendar	May

Benefits for Wildlife

Leaves	Yes
Flowers	Yes
Fruit	N/A
Seeds	Yes

Host to 282 caterpillar species

(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

Natural Habitat

- Forests, streambanks

