

SUGAR or HARD MAPLE *Acer saccharum*

Zones 3 4 5 6 7 8

Slender, oval-headed deciduous tree. Moderate growth rate. Height 20' (6m) in 10-12 years, matures to approx. 75' (22.5m); spreads 40-50' (12-15m).

Leaves green in spring and summer.

Fall colors of yellow, orange, red.

Soil: moist and well-drained. Surface roots take all nourishment from topsoil beneath and around tree.

Intolerant of ice-melting chemicals and salt used on highways. Also sensitive to air pollution from traffic. Plant well away from roads.

Light: full sun.

Pruning: thin branches in late summer and fall. Will bleed excessively if pruned in winter or spring.

Uses: accent or specimen.

