



**Sugar Maple** - Excellent shade tree. Valuable lumber and veneer source. Primary maple syrup source tree. Slow to moderate growth rate. Roots are deep, fibrous, spreading making it extremely wind firm.

**Leaf:** Opposite, simple and palmately veined, 3 to 6 inches long, 5 delicately rounded lobes, entire margin; green above, paler below.

**Flower:** Light yellow-green, small, clustered, hanging from a long, slender (1 to 3 inch) stem, appearing with or slightly before the leaves in early spring.

**Fruit:** Two-winged horseshoe-shaped samaras about 1 inch long, appearing in clusters, brown when mature in the fall.

**Twig:** Brown, slender and shiny with lighter lenticels; terminal buds brown, very sharp pointed, with tight scales.

**Bark:** Variable, but generally brown, on older trees it becomes darker, develops furrows, with long, thick irregular curling outward, firm ridges.

**Form:** Medium to tall tree (to 100 feet) with very dense elliptical crown.