

Red Maple
Acer rubrum



Description: Medium to large tree to 90 feet tall, 3 feet diameter with oval, spreading crown. Leaves opposite, simple, with hand-like lobing. Red twig without odor when bruised. fruit abroad v-shaped double propeller

Leaves: opposite on twig, simple, formed singly on long to 4 in, red stems. Lobes with sharp v-shaped notches between main lobes, usually sharply tooth. Pale green on the upper surface, gray to whitish below. Turn Scarlet or red in fall

Bark: pale gray and smooth when young becomes dark brown to gray, furrowed, then very scaly with maturity

Flowers: unisexual, born in small clusters on the same or separate trees. Open February through March before leafing. Female flowers red male yellow to orange

Fruits: drooping, paired, propeller-like broadly V or u shaped to 1 in Long. Mature in spring, wind scattered

Habitat/Range: typically in wet to moist Woods of bottomlands, flatwoods, and swamps, but also on acidic upland slopes and ridge tops. Invades old fields and fencerows. Very popular ornamental of Lawns and Parks