

Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*)

This dual purpose tree provides excellent shade, and when mature, produces sap used for delicious maple syrup. The serrated three to five lobed leaves turn a stunning orange/yellow in the fall. The smooth silvery bark becomes furrowed and darker with age. At maturity it reaches heights of 70-90 feet. Sugar maple thrives best in deep, rich, moist soils and is tolerant of light shade. It can be used for reforestation purposes. Also called hard maple, the wood is used in making fine furniture.