

RED MAPLE

(*Acer Rubrum*)



Fun fact

With leaves turning to a vibrant red, this tree knows how to outshine its peers through the autumn season. Thanks to its adaptable roots, the red maple is able to grow in a variety of soils and growing conditions and is more tolerant to city conditions like salt and pollution than the sugar maple. The red maple can be tapped for a semi-sweet sap but you'll have to wait a while, red maples can only be tapped after their 40th birthday.

Space requirements

20 sq ft. Its roots are shallow, but they can spread widely, so make sure you plant your red maple where it will have room to grow.

Suitable for

This highly adaptive species is perfect for yards with difficult growing conditions.

Not suitable for

Locations with minimal space for root growth

Average lifespan

Avg of 150 years. Reaches maturity at 70-80 years old.

Further information

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/red-maple>



Soil type: Sand, loam, clay



Drainage: Poor-excellent



Sun/shade: Partial to full, shade tolerant.



Max height: 25m, 60cm diameter trunk



Growth rate: 2ft/year with good sun and moisture conditions.



Maintenance: Some pruning required

