

Maple

Latin name:

Acer negundo (ash-leaved, box elder), *A. campestre* (hedge maple), *A. pseudoplatanus* (sycamore maple), *A. rubrum* (red maple), *A. saccharum* (sugar maple), *A. sachharinum* (silver maple), *A. monspessulanum*, *A. longifolia*, and others.

Description:

With one exception, all maple trees have those well known typical palmate lobed maple leaves as familiar on the Canadian flag. Only the ash-leaved maple reveals differing leaves. It is, by the way, the only maple which is strictly wind-pollinated. All the other maples are partly insect-, partly wind-pollinated. They have inconspicuous greenish-yellowish or reddish inflorescences in common. Many horticultural forms derived from American and Japanese species are in use as ornamental trees in nearly almost every community. Those do not grow very high, but they bear very decorative colourful leaves in autumn.

Start of the season:

The flowering season starts with ash-leaved maple in March, and continues until mid/end of May.

Allergenicity:

The allergenicity is low to moderate.

Crossreactions:

No crossreactions are commonly known so far.