

RED MAPLE

Acer rubrum

This is a large deciduous tree native to North America that grows seventy feet tall or more. It is best suited for large properties. The canopy has an upright oval shape. This is a well-known shade tree throughout the eastern United States but trees from local sources will grow best. In the Coastal Southeast, the leaves tend to have three lobes. Fall foliage color is yellow to dark red or purple, usually in December. The intensity of fall color varies considerably from year to year in our area but the bright red fruits add a reliable splash of color in late winter. The winged seeds are less than an inch long. It grows in full sun and is best in a moist site. It is reported to be sensitive to salt. The species grows in zones 3 through 10 all the way down to Miami.

