

Maple, Sugar

Acer saccharum

- Deciduous
- Large shade tree , 75' ; can be well over 100' tall
- Outline is upright oval when young; later like an upside-down sugar cone
- Dense foliage, branching
- Prefers well-drained, moist fertile soils
- Not tolerant of high heat, pollution, road salt, compacted soil
- Needs room to develop
- Leaves are, 3" to 6" long
- Medium to dark green
- Autumn colors excellent yellow, orange or red
- Small yellowish green flower, before leaves in April 13
- Samaras (sometimes known as "helicopters"), 1" to 1.75"
- Form a horseshoe shape as a pair
- Bark is smooth gray-brown in youth
- Develops thick, irregular, recurved plates with age

