



Did you know?

More states have claimed the Sugar Maple as their state tree than any other single species.

Overview

- The Sugar Maple is the state tree of four US States. West Virginia, New York, Vermont and Wisconsin.
- Sugar Maples are commonly browsed by white-tailed deer, moose and snowshoe hare. Squirrels feed on the seeds, buds, twigs and leaves.
- The Sugar Maple is commercially planted for its delicious syrup and value as lumber.

Tree Details

Mature Height
60' - 75'

Growth Speed
Slow to Medium

Shape
Oval

Mature Spread
40' - 50'

Sugar Maple

Kingdom: Plantae

Class: Magnoliophyta

Order: Sapindales

Family: Sapindaceae

Genus: Acer

Sugar Maples in Agriculture

- Maple syrup production - It takes 40 gallons of sap to produce one gallon of pure maple syrup.
- In 2021, the U.S. produced approximately 4.2 million gallons of maple syrup, with a producer value around \$150 million annually.
- The maple syrup industry supports numerous jobs in rural communities, including those involved in tapping and processing.

History

- John Smith was among the first settlers who remarked about the Native Americans' sugar processing and the fact that they used the product for barter.
- Other historic uses included making soap from its ashes, using the bark as a dye, drinking the sap as a spring tonic and taking the syrup for liver and kidney problems.