

# AMERICAN SYCAMORE

*Plantanus occidentlis*



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<b>Mature Height</b>	70 to 90 Feet	<b>Soil Type</b>	Widely Adaptable
<b>Mature Spread</b>	70 to 80 Feet	<b>Flower Color</b>	Brown
<b>Mature Form</b>	Open - massive crown	<b>Foliage Color</b>	Green fuzzy
<b>Growth Rate</b>	Fast	<b>Fall Color</b>	Yellow to Brown
<b>Sun Exposure</b>	Partial, Full Shade	<b>Zones</b>	4-9
<b>Soil Moisture</b>	Widely Adaptable		

Sycamore, *Plantanus occcidental*, is a very massive tree. This species is easily identified by its height, its spreading canopy with several massive branches and its white, brown and green bark. It is often found naturally along the edges of water bodies and in wet areas of fields or woodlands. Fruit are soft fuzzy balls of seeds. These and its tendency to shed bark and twigs make it messy. American Sycamore is highly prone to annual infections of anthracnose, a fungus that destroys the new growth in spring. American Sycamore is not recommended as a landscape tree in yards because of its messy habits and its susceptibility to anthracnose. Almost all the leaves drop in early June as a result of the anthracnose infection. The alternate tree for planting instead of American Sycamore is London Planetree.



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