

# SILVER MAPLE

*Acer saccharinum*



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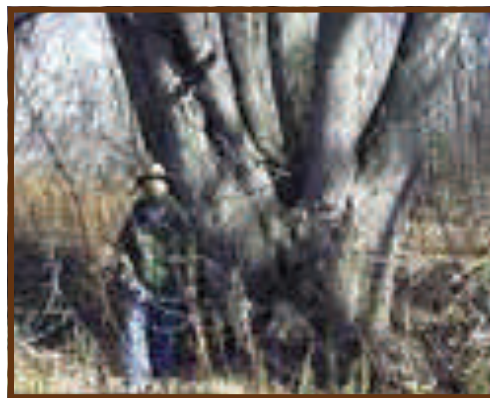
<b>Mature Height</b>	50 to 89 Feet	<b>Soil Type</b>	Adapts to all soil conditions
<b>Mature Spread</b>	35 to 50 Feet	<b>Flower Color</b>	Yellow—Red
<b>Mature Form</b>	Vase Shape	<b>Foliage Color</b>	Green on top Silver on bottom
<b>Growth Rate</b>	Fast	<b>Fall Color</b>	Yellow
<b>Sun Exposure</b>	Full Sun to partial shade	<b>Zones</b>	3-9
<b>Soil Moisture</b>	Prefers Moist Adapts to all		

Very fast growing tree. Leaves are green on top and silvery white on the bottom. Leaves shimmer and dance in the wind creating a silver appearance. Tolerates a wide range of soil conditions. Very prolific seed producer and seeds are large, creating a litter problem. Seeds often clog house gutters. Tree is structurally weak and very susceptible to storm damage. Often with a short trunk and many stems.

Silver Maples have a very vigorous root system and must be planted at least 10 feet away from sidewalks, sewers, driveways and foundations. Buds are eaten by squirrels in early spring. Slow producer of sap for maple syrup. The brittle branches, susceptibility to storm damage and excessive litter problems suggest Silver Maple should be avoided as a yard tree.



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