

Red Maple

Genus/species	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	
Family	Aceraceae (all maples, including box elder, and Chinese <i>Dipteronia</i>)	
Distribution	Eastern US	E Texas northward to Minnesota Minnesota eastward to Maine Maine southward to S Florida Absent from Iowa, N Missouri and central Illinois

Comments This is a common deciduous tree found in many kinds of forests, but favoring those that are rather moist. It is prized as an ornamental. This tree earns the name “red” because the following are of this color: young twigs, flowers, winged pairs of seeds, immature leaves, autumn leaves. The flowers form in the early spring before the leaves, and they are at least partially insect-pollinated.

