

# Swamp Red Maple

*Acer rubrum var. drummondii*

## The Maple Family (Aceraceae)

**Basic Description:** Medium sized deciduous tree with opposite, three lobed leaves with silver, hairy backs, shiny red twigs, and smooth-to-scaly gray bark.

**Interesting Facts:** Pioneer species in disturbed forests near wetland areas. Limited producer of maple syrup. Bark has been used as an astringent, eye wash, and cramp treatment. Host to multiple Sphinx moths species.

**Flower:** Small, bright red, occurring in hanging clusters, appearing in mid-winter before leaves.

**Fruit:** Showy clusters, 1 to 2" long, brownish-red, winged samaras (seeds) on long slender stems, maturing in late winter and early spring.

**Wildlife Value:** Birds and small mammals eat the seeds, buds, flowers and saplings; a valuable spring pollen source for insects; wood ducks nest in the cavities.

**Habitat:** Moist, open woodlands and swamps.

### LEAF TYPE

SIMPLE



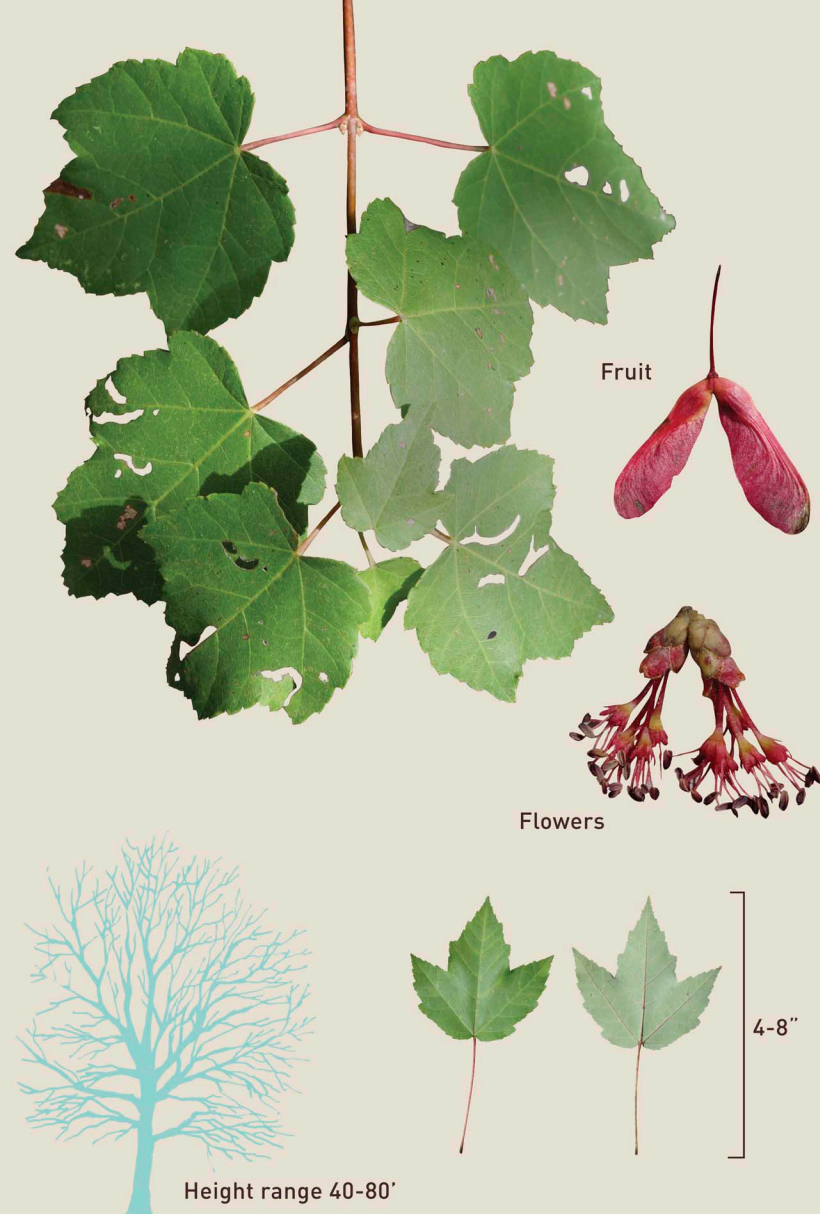
### POLLINATOR

WIND



### WILDLIFE VALUE

HIGH



Height range 40-80'