

Brandywine Maple

Acer rubrum 'Brandywine'

Description: Large shade tree with moderately columnar crown. Flowers, fruit and twigs are red. Pronounced autumn red leaf color that turns brilliant purple-red as the days shorten. Frequently exhibits 14 days of peak red color. Bark is gray; thin and smooth, becoming fissured into long thin scaly ridges.

Mature size: 60' to 90' tall and a trunk diameter of 2 1/2'

Leaves: 4 1/2" long and wide.

Flowers: Reportedly produces only male flowers.

Habitat: Wet or moist soils of stream banks, valleys, swamps, and uplands and sometimes on dry ridges; in mixed hardwood forests. Ranges from Canada to southern Florida and west to eastern Texas. Tolerant of a wide range of conditions. Excellent for lawn, street, highway or park plantings, and as a shade tree for residential sites.

Fun Facts: . Result of a cross between 'October Glory' maple and 'Autumn Flame' maple, 'Brandywine' exhibits significant tolerance to leafhopper, one of the major pests of landscape red maples.

