



Silver Maple
Acer saccharinum
 Sapindaceae

Description

It has the softest wood used for lumber, hence it also being called "Soft Maple." It's more adaptable to alkaline environments than the sugar maple, though would still prefer an acidic soil. Seeds are edible once roasted or boiled and syrup can be made from the sap of the tree.

General Information

Zone: 3-9	Soil Texture: Clay, Loam, Sand	Fall Color: Yellow
Height: 50-80'	Soil pH: 4.5-7.5	Bloom Color: Yellow, Green
Width: 40-60'	Exposure: Full Sun, Part Shade	Bloom Time: Early Spring
Habit: Upright, Spreading	Water Needs: Average	Fragrance: None
Growth Rate: >24" per year	Soil Drainage: Well-Poorly Drained	Fruit Color: Green
	Other Flood	Fruiting Time: Late Summer-Fall
	Attributes: Tolerant	Fruit Flavor: Edible
		Attracts: Bees, Butterflies, Birds, Small Mammals, Deer

Resources:

[Plants A to Z: Find Plant Names by Letter \(thespruce.com\)](https://thespruce.com/plants-a-to-z-find-plant-names-by-letter)
[Find a Plant | NC Extension Gardener Plant Toolbox \(ncsu.edu\)](https://ncsu.edu/extension/gardener-plant-toolbox/)
[Trees and Plants | The Morton Arboretum](https://mortonarboretum.org/trees-and-plants/)
[WSU PNW Plants](https://pnw.wsu.edu/plants/)

[The Tree Guide at arborday.org](https://arborday.org/tree-guide/)
[Woody Plants Catalog | The UFOR Nursery & Lab \(umn.edu\)](https://um.edu/ufor-nursery-lab/)
[Plant Finder \(missouribotanicalgarden.org\)](https://missouribotanicalgarden.org/plant-finder/)
[N.D. Tree Handbook \(nds.edu\)](https://nds.edu/tree-handbook/)