

Invasive Species

Taxonomic Name: *Acer platanoides*

Common Name: *Norway maple*

Physical Description:

Growth Type: *Acer platanoides* is a medium to large shade tree, typically 40' to 60' tall, but can reach 90'. It is rounded crown shape and densely branched, often wider than tall when open grown. It grows rapidly when young.



Leaves: The leaves are arranged opposite to subopposite. They are star shaped and the leaf blade length and width is 4" to 8".

The leaf has uniform dark green color and milky sap is visible when the petiole is broken. The leaves often turn a uniform yellow color by the end of October. A purple (nearly black) leaf variety known as 'Crimson King' is widely planted.



Flowers: 1/3" yellowish-green in clusters in spring before the plant has leaves. Rather showy!

Fruit: A flattened seed attached to a wing about 1 1/2" to 2" long (samara). The samaras are joined together at 180° and form a schizocarp. They ripen in fall and are produced in copious quantities.

Bark: Grayish black with small ridges and shallow furrows.



