

Alternative Species

Taxonomic Name: *Acer saccharum*

Common Name: *Sugar maple*

Physical Description:

Growth Type: *Acer saccharum* is a medium to large shade tree, typically 60' to 75' tall, but can reach 90'. It has an upright elliptical crown which is typically taller than wide when open grown.



Leaves: *The leaves are arranged opposite each other, with the leaf blade 3" to 6" in length and width. The leaf is medium green in color which turn into a blaze of yellow, orange, and red colors in fall, all on one tree.*



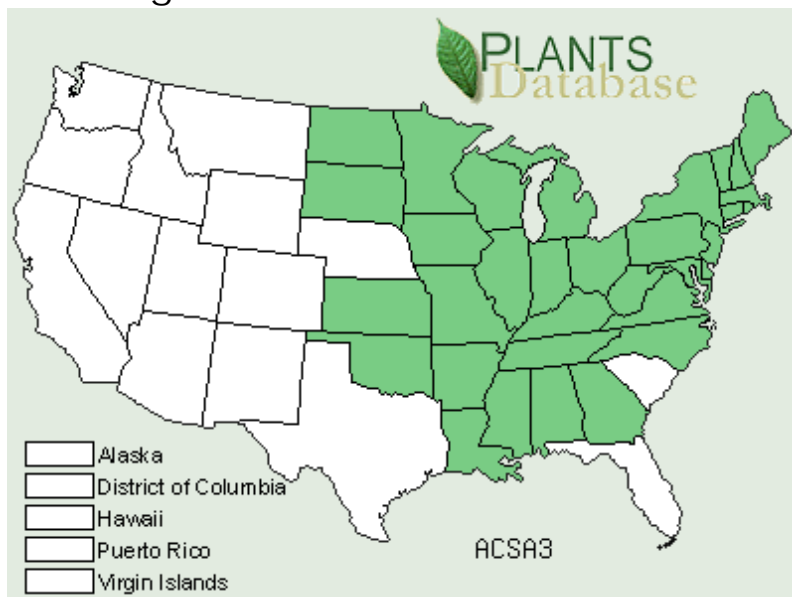
Flowers: *Either male or female, lacking petals and greenish-yellow in color. Flowers are ¼ inch, pendulous and produced as leaves emerge in spring. They are not ornamental.*

Fruit: *Rounded seeds are winged (samara) and connected together to form a horseshoe shape (schizocarp). Each winged fruit is about 1 ½" long. Fruit ripens in fall. Seed crops are heavy every other year (alternate-bearing).*



Bark: *Grayish-brown becoming fissured and platy with time.*

Coverage Area:



Sources:

<http://plants.usda.gov/java/profile?symbol=ACSA3>

http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/hort/consumer/factsheets/trees-new/acer_saccharum.html

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