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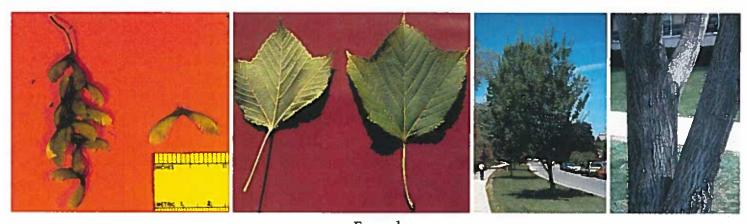
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## **Plant Database**

# Acer pensylvanicum

## Striped Maple, Snake Bark Maple

## Aceraceae



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#### Habitat

- · native to eastern United States and adjacent Canada
- zone 3
- · typical grows as an understory tree in wooded areas

#### Habit and Form

- a small tree, typically 15' to 20' or taller
- · develops a broad, uneven, flat-topped or rounded crown. Often irregular and open
- · texture is medium to coarse
- · often shrub like in the forest

## Summer Foliage

- · opposite, 3-lobed at apex
- 5" to 7" long and wide
- · bright green

## Autumn Foliage

striking clear yellow; showy

#### **Flowers**

- · yellow in pendulous chains
- in May

#### Fruit

· long samaras in pendulous chains

#### Bark

- · young branches longitudinally striped white or green
- · showy

#### Culture

- · requires partial shade
- · requires cool, moist, slightly acidic soil
- · intolerant of pollution, drought, heat

## Landscape Uses

- naturalistic planting
- · along edge of woods
- · specimen (in shade)

#### Liabilities

- not well suited to typical conditions of cultivation
- · don't use unless an appropriate growing site exists
- susceptible to mower injury
- · susceptible to canker under stress

#### **ID Features**

- terminal bud absent or present
- · buds are purplish red and stalked with valvate scales
- striped bark

## Propagation

· by seed

### Cultivars/Varieties

**'Erythrocladum'** - An attractive selection that, though difficult to propagate, is available from specialty nurseries and seen in gardens. Young stems assume a bright red coloration after the leaves fall. The effect is very attractive coupled with the white stem striations, making this plant a fine choice for winter interest.

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