
Norway Maple

Acer platanoides



This shade-tolerant tree is listed as **very invasive** in Maine, growing 40-60' or more, with dark-greyish bark that has **shallow vertical grooves** with age, somewhat like corduroy. (Native sugar maple has shaggy bark).

- Leaves are opposite each other on the stem, with 5-7 pointy-tipped lobes. During growing season, **white sap** exudes if the leaf stem is removed from the branch. Yellow leaves stay on late in the fall, giving this tree an extended growing period.
 - Stems have a solid white pith and large, **rounded** bud at their tips that bleed white sap if cut.
 - Flowers are yellowish-green from April-May before the leaves develop.
 - Seeds spread 180 degrees wide like green bowties, 1 ½ -2", then turn yellow before brown in fall.
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HOW TO CONTROL:

- Pull or dig young plants anytime the soil is wet. But this tree will re-sprout, so monitor and repeat.
- For larger trees, cut tree down, or cut overlapping gashes into bark anytime except spring or early summer, and paint the cut surface with 25-40% triclopyr, if beyond 25' from water. Monitor and repeat on re-sprouts in subsequent years.

Sources

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https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mnap/features/invasive_plants/acerplat.htm;

<https://gobotany.nativeplanttrust.org/species/acer/platanoides/>

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