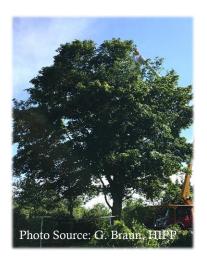


HPP Harpswell Invasive Plant Partnership

Invasive Out

Native In



Norway Maple Acer platanoides

- > Designated by the State of Maine as "Very Invasive".
- > Differentiated from native maples by early-emerging, broad leaves, with 5-7 lobes, and white sap that exudes from the leaf stem if it is removed from a branch during the growing season.
- ➤ Long-lived, during which it produces copious, widely winged, bow-tie like seeds that allow it to become established on adjacent properties.
- > Yellow (not red) fall leaves remain attached after most native maples have dropped their colorful leaves.



Native Maples Sugar maple Acer saccharum Red Maple Acer rubrum

- ➤ Long-lived tree species that have evolved to thrive in Harpswell's soils and climatic conditions.
- > Both of these species produce the red, orange and yellow leaves that brighten our fall days.
- Mature trees exceed 40' in height, 25-35' in width and may live over a century.
- In shady areas, also consider striped maple (Acer pensylvanicum) which has pendulous spring flowers and bright yellow fall leaves. https://extension.umaine.edu/publication s/2561e/

Resources and other native-to-Maine choices to replace Norway maples

Red Maple https://extension.umaine.edu/signs-of-the-seasons/indicator-species/red-maple-fact-sheet/ Sugar maple https://extension.umaine.edu/signs-of-the-seasons/indicator-species/sugar-maple-fact-sheet/

https://extension.umaine.edu/publications/2574e/ Hophornbeam Yellow Birch https://extension.umaine.edu/publications/2565e/