

Invasive Out

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