

Field Maple

Acer campestre

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This description is for *Field Maple (Acer campestre)*:

Field Maple, best suited to fields and not to small back yards. Don't say we didn't warn you!

Acer campestre is commonly called the Field Maple or Common Maple. It will grow up to 25 metres in height. The leaves are lobed and dark green in colour. The trunk of the tree gets to about a metre in diameter and the bark has a cork-like texture. In the spring it grows clusters of yellowy-green flowers. As a young tree it is happy to grow in the shade, but requires more sunshine when it gets older. It's a large tree, so is more commonly used for ornamental purposes in parks and very large gardens than in your average domestic garden. The wood can be used for carpentry purposes but as the tree is slow growing, it's not often cultivated for this purpose. It has been given an RHS Award of Garden Merit.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
Known dangers? no	Acidity Acidic Neutral Alkaline	Standard category Trees & shrubs Shrubs

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Height [m] 8 - 11	Hardiness zone Z6-8	Grown for Ornamental Foliage
Spread [m] 8 - 11	Heat zone H8-4	Creative category Kid Approved For Beginners Show-offs Bonsai
Dominant flower colour Green	Winter temperatures [°C] -23 - -7	Garden type Woodland Park City
Flower Fragrance No, neutral please	Heat days 14 - 120	Garden spaces Specimen
Flowering seasons Early spring Mid spring	Moisture well-drained but frequently watered	Gardening expertise beginner
Foliage in spring Green	Soil type sandy Clay chalky loams	Time to reach full size up to 20 years
Foliage in summer Green	Sun requirements Full sun Partial shade	
Foliage in Autumn Yellow	Exposure Sheltered	
Propagation methods grafting seed budding		
Growth habit Rounded Spreading		