

Red Maple

Acer rubrum

-The Red Maple is an extremely easy tree to grow. Some of its main selling points are that it can grow in the shade and it is relatively fast growing.

-Red Maple is often used in ornamental plantings because of its red twigs, buds, and fruits. Plus it has brilliant fall colors, but not as brilliant as the Sugar Maple.

-I am going to be honest with you, if you are thinking of planting a Red Maple, why not plant a Sugar Maple instead. It is not that Red Maples aren't a wonderful tree; it is just that with timber production being an important economic force in Northern Wisconsin, Sugar Maples are being overtaken by Red Maples. This is due to the fact that Red Maples grow quicker than do Sugar Maples, and they grow better in disturbed areas. So basically, Red Maples are taking over areas that were once prevalent enough to garner the Sugar Maple as Wisconsin's State Tree.

-The Red Maple can grow to heights of 60 feet and have a diameter of 2 feet.



...and listening to the soothing sounds outside my tent, I set out to write my days' observations by the light of the glow-worm lamp.

-Florentino Ameghino