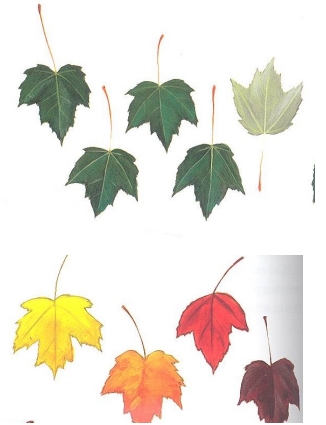


# RED MAPLE

*Acer rubrum*

Deciduous. Medium to large tree often 70' tall. Named for the strong red tones to virtually all parts of the tree, especially twigs, flowers, and fall leaves. The crown is tall, domed, and fast growing. The leaves are 4", relatively small for a Maple usually three to five triangular lobes, dark green and smooth above, blue-white with hairs on the veins beneath. Edges toothed. Leaf stalk usually red. The fall colors are variable, can be pale yellow, orange, brilliant red or maroon. The flowers are small and red, on slender stalks, in dense clusters on the shoots in early spring. The fruit is 1" with slightly divergent wings. The fruit develops as leaves emerge. The fruit matures and drops in early summer, usually bright red. The barks on young trunks are smooth gray. On old trunks, the bark is rough in long, narrow plates forming ridges, similar at all ages to Silver Maple, but on average less shaggy. The Red Maple has the widest latitudinal ranges of any North American tree.



While there are many 'Red Sunset' Red Maples and Japanese Maples in the Barber Cemetery, there is only one Red Maple tree. The many 'Red Sunset' Red Maples are from the Arbor Day tree planting throughout the years. The Japanese Maples are from early plantings and two are from Arbor Day tree plantings. The Red Maple is a native tree. It is located in the upper terrace of Trinity Avenue close to Wachter's garage.

