

Silver Maple



Photo Courtesy of Village of Waterford, Virginia (2010).

This medium-sized maple attains heights of 60-80 ft (18.3-24.4 m) and diameters from 2-3 ft (0.6-0.9 m). It has deciduous, opposite, lobed leaves that are pale green above and silvery below. The leaves often turn yellow or red in the fall. As the tree matures its smooth, silvery bark breaks into long scaly plates. Zones 3-9
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Silver Maple prefers full sun but can tolerate partial shade. It does well in a variety of soils but prefers deep, moist soils.

Silver Maple is known for its leaves that are green on top and silver on the bottom that shimmer and dance in the breeze.

The trees abundant seeds provide food for many birds and small mammals and they also use the tree for a nesting site.