

# Maple Red Flame

*acer rubrum 'flame'*



*Maple Red Flame potted*

There is tremendous appreciation for the colorful beauty that *Acer rubrum* can provide in our landscapes as street trees, specimen trees, woodland gardens or scenic forests. Enjoyment of this colorful beauty is dependent on the environment of the site or conditions in which we ask this tree to perform. *Acer rubrum* is quite adaptable to different soil types and conditions in its more northern regions. In the extreme southern portion of its range (Florida), it is more dependent on wet site areas for peak performance. Site location can best be summarized by saying – the greater the intensity of the heat zone, the more dependent *Acer rubrum* is on being supplemented with irrigation when planted in well-drained soils.

The dominant attributes of 'Flame' Red Maple that we have observed for over ten years are similar to performance reports from more northern climates. 'Flame' Red Maple is proving to be very worthy of recognition for its excellent red color during the growing season and during the change of seasons, its rapid growth rate, and its hardiness during single digit temperatures. Its strong pest resistance, especially to fungal disease, even in Florida where heat and humidity are always challenging, is also notable. The key to benefiting from these admirable attributes is in maintaining tree vigor.

*Acer rubrum* 'Flame' Red Maple is a proven performer in producing colorful beauty for our landscapes.



*Maple Red Flame leaves*



*Maple Red Flame bark*

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Maple Red Flame in the landscape

## Common Names:

Autumn Flame, Red Flame

## Environment:

Soil: moist sites are best, well-drained if irrigated  
Salt: medium  
Exposure: partial sun to full sun

## Native Origin :

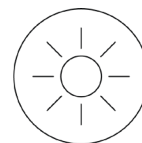
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## Description:

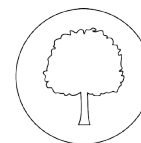
Hardy Range: 6 - 10  
Mature Height: 50 - 60'  
Mature Spread: 25 - 35'  
Growth Rate: 15 to 20 years to maturity  
Form: upright and oval with age  
Persistence: deciduous

## Ornamental Characteristics:

The foliage on a Flame Red Maple begins its life a warm red color, progressing to bright green as it matures before returning to a brilliant "flame" red color just before it drops. These leaves have the familiar, multi-pointed maple leaf shape and a soft texture. Their crowns are dense and they make ideal shade trees as they reach maturity.



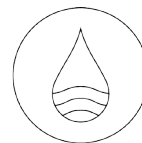
Full Sun



Canopy



Deciduous



High wetness tolerance