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Acer saccharinum

Silver Maple



Beautiful silvery summer leaves turn shades of yellow and red in the fall. Buds create a lovely reddish halo as they emerge in the spring. Often found in swampy areas in the wild. Shallow roots, very widespreading. Fast-growing tree, tolerant of any soil type as long as there is sufficient moisture. As it matures may develop weak, brittle branches which break in wind or ice. Good for wetland plantings.

Suggested companions: red maple (*Acer rubrum*), swamp white oak (*Quercus bicolor*), river birch (*Betula nigra*), nannyberry (*Viburnum lentago*)

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Plant Type: Tree
Size: 60-80' H
50-70' W

Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:
Forested Wetland

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Rich Moist
Very Damp/Wet
Clay

Exposure: sun
filtered
shade

Flower Color:
Red
Silver
Yellow

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Bloom Time:
March

Other Attributes:
Bird attracting
Wildlife attracting
Fall color