

NORWAY MAPLE

Acer platanoides



Mature Height	Up to 90 feet	Soil Type	Sandy to Clayey
Mature Spread	Up to 45 feet	Flower Color	Small Yellowish Green
Mature Form	Rounded Crown	Foliage Color	Dark Green
Growth Rate	Fairly Rapid	Fall Color	Yellow, Gold, Purple
Sun Exposure	Prefers full sun		
Soil Moisture	Prefers moist but Tolerates hot and dry conditions		

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A native of central Europe, Norway maple has escaped cultivation and forms monotypic populations by displacing native trees, shrubs, and herbaceous understory plants. Once established, it creates a canopy of dense shade that prevents regeneration of native seedlings. It is considered one of Indiana's unwanted invasive plants. Do not plant this tree. The purple leafed maple is also a variety of Norway Maple. Its shallow root system dries out topsoil and prevents grass and other plants from growing under the tree. It is considered to be highly invasive because of its heavy seed production. The best control measure is pulling seedling and the cut stump method and application of a systemic herbicide containing at least a 30% concentration of glyphosate or triclopyr active ingredient.



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