**Norway maple**

**A commonly planted street tree with leaves that looks much like the maple that is pictured on the Canadian flag.**

**What other names does it have?**

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| **Generic name** | Maple |
| **Latin name** | *Acer platanoides* |
| **Family name** | Maple |
| **Latin family name** | Aceraceae |

**What type of tree is it?**

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| **Is it a broadleaf or conifer?** | It is a broadleaf |
| **Does it lose its leaves in autumn?** | Yes, it is deciduous |

**Species description:**

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| **Average height** | 12-25m |

**Leaf**

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| **Description** | Each of the five main lobes has a few distinctly pointed teeth/serrations. Giving the leaf a spiky look |
| **Shape** | Palmate |
| **Size** | Around 15cm long and wide |
| **Colour** | Dark green |
| **Colour of leaves in autumn** | Often yellow and occasionally red |
| **Leaf bud** | Large and red-brown with a distinct point |
| **Leaf stalk** | Long stalk |
| **Leaf arrangement** | Opposite |

**Flower, seed, and fruit**

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| **Type of flower** | Clustered/grouped flowers |
| **Fruit colour** | Greenish yellow ripening to brown |
| **Type of seed body** | Large winged seed/key |
| **Seeds dispersed by** | * Wind |

**Bark and twig**

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| **Bark description** | Grey with fine interlaced ridges |
| **Twig Description** | Slender brown twig, with tiny white spots |

**What other trees are similar?**

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| **Can easily be confused with?** | Sycamore- this has leaves which are more rounded, not spiky. |

**Where is it usually found?**

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| **Is it native or non-native to the British Isles?** | Non-native - naturalised |
| **Where is its natural range?** | Much of northern Europe from Scandinavia to the Caucasus |
| **Preferred soil type or environmental conditions?** | Tolerates a wide range of conditions |
| **What is its British conservation status?** | Occasional |

**Additional information**

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| **Human uses of tree and timber** | Widely planted as an ornamental tree in parks, gardens and on streets as it tolerates pollution well |