PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Acer platanoides* Linn.

**GENUS** *Acer* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Norway Maple

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Sap, Cambium, Fruit, Buds, Flowers, Leaves

The sap can be eaten fresh or made into beer.
The cambium is chewed especially by children.
The young and mature fruit are chewed especially by children.
The young leaf buds are fermented to make a soup.
The leaves are put under baking bread to impart flavour.

## DESCRIPTION

A tall broad tree. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 24 m high. It spreads 15 m wide. The trunk is 60 cm across. The leaves are bright green and have 5 lobes. They are on long slender stalks. The stalks exude milky sap when cut. The flowers are yellow/green. The fruit are large and have wide angled wings. The fruit are 5 cm long. There are many cultivated kinds.

## HABITAT

It is a cool temperate plant. It does best in well-drained alkaline soil. It is frost resistant but sensitive to drought. It is tolerant of city smoke and dust. It suits hardiness zones 4-8. At Anvers Chocolate factory. Arboretum Tasmania.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

### Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fast growing.

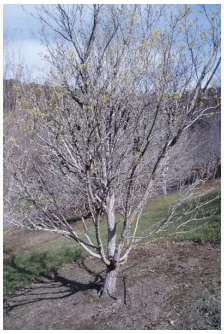
## NOTES

There are about 120-150 Acer species.

## PICTURES



Credit: Food Plants International (Bruce French)



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