

**TYPE:**  
Deciduous



**SIZE:**  
70 feet high  
50 feet wide



**SUN:**  
Full sun, part shade,  
full shade



**FLOWERS:**  
Small red flowers in  
dense clusters appear  
before leaves emerge.



**USDA ZONES:**  
3-9



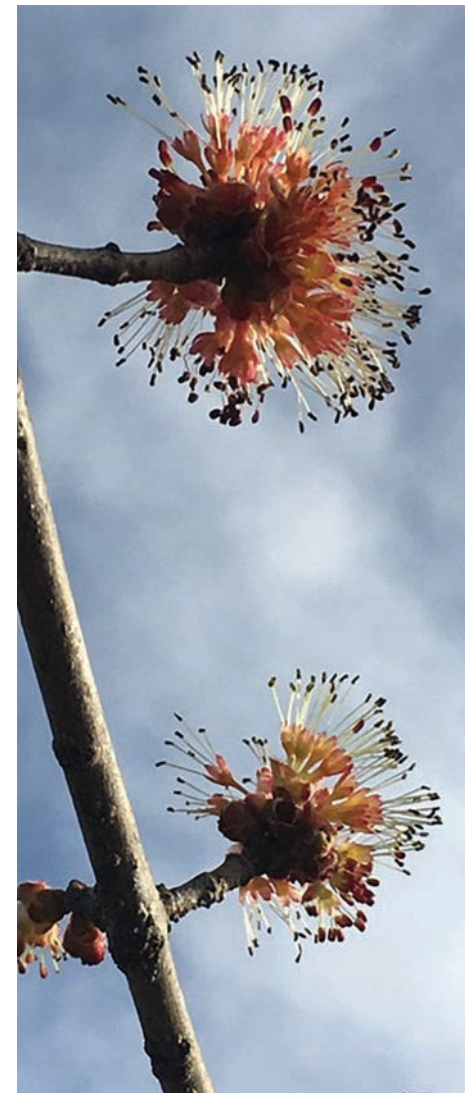
**ID TIPS:**  
Maples have opposite  
branching structure.



**WILDLIFE VALUE:**  
Cecropia moth  
(*Hyalophora cecropia*)  
favors the red maple.



**INTERESTING FACT:**  
Ink and cinnamon-  
brown and black dyes  
were made from a  
bark extract by early  
settlers.



# RED MAPLE

## ACER RUBRUM

Red maple is a well known shade tree, named for its often red autumn leaf display. Overplanted in Charlotte, its use is now limited during development. Leaves can vary from 3- to 5-lobed, with lobes separated by V-shaped angles. Male trees have pinkish red flowers in early spring, and females produce red samaras.