

# Norway Maple

*(Acer platanoides)*

## DESCRIPTION

Widely planted ornamental tree with many cultivars including the popular "Crimson King"

**Height:** Up to 90 feet

**Leaves:** Distinguished from other maples by milky sap exuded from the end of leafstalks when broken; leaves turn solid yellow in fall after other maples have finished; often large brown spots on leaves due to fungus

**Seeds:** Wings are spread to nearly 180° (sugar maple leaves bent downwards)



## ECOLOGICAL THREAT

Spreads by wind-disbursed seeds

Deep shade from dense canopy inhibits regeneration of sugar maple and other trees, reducing forest diversity

Diminishes all understory plants, leaving space beneath canopy dark and empty  
Wildlife habit and food sources are reduced



## NATIVE ALTERNATIVES

*Acer rubrum* Red Maple

*Acer saccharum* Sugar Maple

*Nyssa sylvatica* Black Tupelo

*Quercus rubra* Red Oak

## CONTROL

**Mechanical:** Hand pulling or mowing seedlings is effective; mature trees in vicinity of natural areas should be cut or girdled

**Chemical:** Paint stump with undiluted Roundup