

Hedge Maple (*Acer campestre*)

The Hedge Maple is a slow growing shrub or small tree in the Sapindaceae (soapberry) family native to Europe and western Asia. When mature, it can grow to about 35 feet tall and has a similar spread. The Hedge Maple will take considerable pruning, perhaps why it is given the common name of “hedge”.

The Hedge Maple should be planted in rich, well-drained soils in full to partial shade. While the fall color is yellow, it is not consistent. It is easy to transplant but has a shallow root system. Very tolerant of air pollution, alkaline, clay, dry, and compacted soils.

It is a good street tree that casts dense shade and works well under utility lines because it can be severely pruned. This tree supports pollinators and birds and makes an excellent shade tree for a pollinator garden or a recreational play area.