

# *Acer campestre* Hedge Maple

Aceraceae  
Section *Platanoides*

Introduced to United States in colonial times.  
Named by Linnaeus in 1753.  
Native range: almost all of Europe; N Africa; W Asia

Location: Loop Frontage, East end (at SW corner of the Dental College parking lot)  
Quantity: 2  
Planting Date: Spring 1986

Culture: widely adaptable; can tolerate drier soils; full sun-light shade.  
Our specimens thrive in a narrow, hot space between sidewalk and street.

A small (30') tree with a rounded canopy

Flowers: insignificant  
yellow-green  
terminal corymbs  
May

Leaves: dark green; young leaves are red-brown  
2-4"  
simple, palmate; 3-5 rounded lobes  
pubescent beneath  
fall color- yellow  
petiole has milky sap when broken

Fruit: samara (schizocarp)  
wings nearly horizontal  
flat nutlet, pubescent  
each wing 1.25-1.75"

Bark: gray-brown, lightly ridged/furrowed; corky  
Twig: slender, glabrous  
Buds: terminal bud scales often pubescent

Maintenance: minimal  
Pruning: minimal, but can take hard pruning  
Insect and Disease Problems: no problems in the Maxwell specimen  
Landscape Use: street, small lawns; used extensively for hedging in Europe

Native Uses: The Ojibwe and Meskwaki made a tea from the inner bark that was used as an emetic; while the Mescalero and Chiricahua Apache boiled it for a sweetener. Many tribes (including Omaha, Dakota, Pawnee, Ho-Chunk, and Cree) tapped the sap for sweetener. The Cheyenne mixed this sap with shavings from the inside of animal hides to make a candy. They also used the wood for cooking meat. They and other tribes used also used the wood for making bowls, drums, and pipestems.

Historical/Cultural Information: Keres Indians used Boxelder twigs for prayer sticks. Its wood was what the Cheyenne burned at the Sun Dances and the Kiowa burned it at their Peyote Ceremony altars. Omahas and dakota used charcoal made from burning Boxelder wood for ceremonial painting and tattooing.



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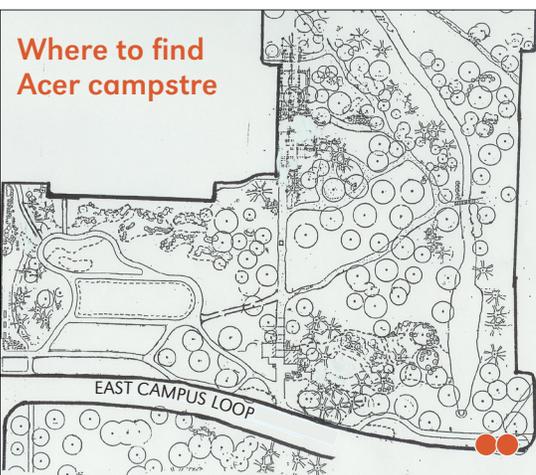
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