**Acer campestre**  
**Hedge Maple**  

**Aceraceae**  
**Section Platanoidea**

- Introducing 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 driersoils; 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; white 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 th e wood for cooking meat. They and other tribes used also used th e 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.

**Where to find Acer campestre**

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