

*Acer campestre*

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**Height:** 25' to 40' (35' at age 30)  
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**Hardiness Zone:** 5 to 7

**Crown:** globose to broadly ovate, dense, medium texture  
**Foliage:** 2-4", rounded lobes, subdued yellow in fall  
**Flowers:** green  
**Fruit:** 1 " samara

**Description:** Variable species from Europe and western Asia commonly used in hedges. Typically has low branching and corky twigs. Growth rate is slow to moderate.

**Advantages:** This is one of the few smaller trees without showy flowers that fits under most utility lines. It tolerates a wide range of urban sites, and is suitable across from larger maples on the opposite side of a street. No serious diseases or insects are known.

**Limitations:** Low branching requires limbing up for clearance. Dense shade of closely spaced trees may inhibit grass. Winter dieback occurs in northern zones. Susceptible to *Verticillium*.

**Site and Culture:** Transplants readily, and is widely adaptable to acid and alkaline soils. Tolerates dry soils, compaction, and air pollutants. Full sun or light shade is preferable. May be pruned severely.

**Cultivars:** Some older selections have unusual ornamental traits. Hardier cultivars selected for straight trunks and better branching habit would be useful.

**Notes:**

Hedge Maple



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