

# Leaves, Limbs, Needles & Boughs



by Fred Opperman

**Tree Trivia & Facts:** A fully grown deciduous tree can pull one ton of water from the soil each day. Planting three trees around each American home would save 10 to 50 percent of air-conditioning bills or as much as \$4 billion annually. About 2.8 billion trees are cut down in the world each year; the United States logs more than any other country — more than twice as much as Brazil.

This is a good tree for October, *Acer ginnala* (a'ser jin-na'la) or Amur Maple is one that colors up pretty good in the fall. It's leaf color is dark glossy green in the summer and changes to shades of yellow and red in fall. You will find the best coloration if the tree is planted in full sun.

**Leaves:** Opposite, simple, 1½ to 3" long, 3 lobed, with the middle lobe elongated than the two others. Light green underneath.

**Buds:** Small, 1/8" imbricate buds, reddish brown or lighter, glabrous.

**Size:** 15 to 18' and equal in spread. Most trees are multi-stemmed.

**Landscape Value:** Excellent small specimen to be used by the patio, screening, and massing. Very hardy and would be a good choice for an above ground container use.

**Credit:** "Manual of Woody Landscaping Plants" by Dirr

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