Swamp Red Maple: Acer rubrum var. drummondii

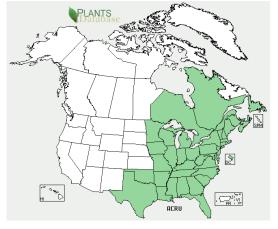


Seeds are consumed by a variety of birds and squirrels and the leaves are eaten by deer. A number of moths and other insects rely upon the entire plant for nutrition.

Swamp Red Maple is a tree of wet habitats and is common in the coastal plain. It differs from other varieties of maples in having leaves that are densely felty-pubescent (hairy) underneath.

Swamp Red Maple tends to prefer moist, swampy sites and is not as cold-hardy as the other *A.rubrum* varieties. Swamp Red Maple makes an attractive shade tree with conspicuous fall color and decorative, red male flowers and female samaras (fruit and seed) in spring.





Female Samaras