

American Sycamore

Platanus occidentalis



Right: Summer leaves and fruit



Left: Fall color

Right: Form and branch angles, attractive bark



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Family: Platanaceae

Stem & Leaf Type: deciduous tree

Size: 75-100' tall; 75' wide

USDA Hardiness Zones: 4

Leaves: 3-5 lobed, to 10" wide

Leaf Color: medium green

Fall Color: orange-brown

Flowers: inconspicuous

Fruit: solitary, smooth globes

Light: full sun-part shade

Moisture: well-drained—moist

Insect/Disease Issues: anthracnose

Nativity: North America

Location in the Gardens: Sycamore Falls

Culture & Landscape Value:

One of the largest trees native to North America. The plain brown bark on young trees exfoliates irregularly to reveal white inner bark. Does best in lowland areas where soil is consistently moist. Tolerates urban pollutants.

Notes:



Months of Interest:

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