



The description of maple should start with the leaves, because they are: palmate, simple, large or lobed. This tree has winged fruits, which are called "helicopters" among people. Due to a special device from above, they can stay in the air for a very long time, which allows them to eventually fly off a great distance for reproduction.

An interesting fact is that maple is a hermit. This tree grows either in small groups or singly.

Types of maple

Norway is the most famous type of maple, which includes several varieties. Such maple grows throughout Russia. This tree can reach a height of 20-30 meters. The crown of such a maple is rounded, and the bark is light gray.

American maple is a tree widespread in the east and north of the United States. It is the official symbol of some states. American maple is resistant to cold, and can grow up to 30-40 meters. This maple has a thick dark bark and a thick crown.

Ash-leaved maple is considered one of the most common tree species in urban landscaping. Its height can be 20 meters. The appearance of complex pinnate leaves of such a tree may resemble ash leaves.

Red maple is a small slender tree with a height of up to 8 meters and with a dense tent-shaped, irregular crown. The color of the bark of such a tree is light gray, and in young shoots it is greenish or reddish. This type of maple tolerates an overabundance of moisture and stagnant water, because in nature it grows in a swamp. Such a maple received its name for the beautiful color of autumn leaves: their upper side acquires a red-purple or orange color, and the lower side becomes silvery-pinkish.

Beliefs about maple.

Folk signs and beliefs associated with maple:

Maple (sycamore) is a tree into which, after death or by evil witchcraft, a person can be turned. Perhaps this is due to the fact that maple leaves look like hands. There is an undeniable connection between a man and a maple tree growing in front of his house. As long as a person lives, the maple is slender and tall, the leaves on its branches are large and juicy. The old owner dies - and the maple dries up. Apparently in such trees live ancestors or close people of a person, after death

leaving an orphaned place near the house. And with the soul goes the life of the maple that sheltered it. A child who is threaded through a maple tree will live a long time. Back in the XIX century, this belief in Russia was very popular in many rural areas of the country. Threading was done between the branches of the maple, and thus all the children in the village were threaded. According to Serbian beliefs, if a dry maple hugs an unjustly convicted person, the maple will turn green; If an unhappy or offended person touches a green maple in spring, the tree will dry out. Maple was considered a donor tree, the owner of light magical powers. This is a tree that helps people find peace of mind, brings calmness, self-confidence, a tree of inner strength and balance.



On Trinity, on the day of the Corpus Christi and on other holidays, maple branches were used to decorate houses, outbuildings, gates, etc. The ancestors believed that on the holiday the souls of deceased relatives fly to the living and hide in the branches.