NORWAY MAPLE

*Acer platanoides*

**Mature Height**
Up to 90 feet

**Soil Type**
Sandy to Clayey

**Mature Spread**
Up to 45 feet

**Flower Color**
Small Yellowish Green

**Mature Form**
Rounded Crown

**Foliage Color**
Dark Green

**Growth Rate**
Fairly Rapid

**Fall Color**
Yellow, Gold, Purple

**Sun Exposure**
Prefers full sun

**Soil Moisture**
Prefers moist but Tolerates hot and dry conditions

A native of central Europe, Norway maple has escaped cultivation and forms monotypic populations by displacing native trees, shrubs, and herbaceous understory plants. Once established, it creates a canopy of dense shade that prevents regeneration of native seedlings. It is considered one of Indiana’s unwanted invasive plants. Do not plant this tree. The purple leafed maple is also a variety of Norway Maple. Its shallow root system dries out topsoil and prevents grass and other plants from growing under the tree. It is considered to be highly invasive because of its heavy seed production. The best control measure is pulling seedling and the cut stump method and application of a systemic herbicide containing at least a 30% concentration of glyphosate or triclopyr active ingredient.

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