

# North Dakota Tree Selector

**Scientific Name:** *Acer ginnala*

**Family:** Sapindaceae  
(Soapberry)

**Hardiness:** Zone 2

**Leaves:** Deciduous

**Plant Type:** Tree

## Growth

**Rate:** Medium

**Mature Height:** <25'

**Longevity:** Medium

**Power Line:** Yes

## Ornamental

**Flowers:** Inconspicuous

**Fruit:** Paired samaras  
(winged seeds)

**Fall Color:** Red

## Amur Maple

### Description

A tall shrub or small tree native to northern Asia. Subject to iron chlorosis on heavy alkaline soils, and susceptible to 2,4-D injury. Popular as a small, multi-stemmed specimen tree. Outstanding bright reddish fall colors are influenced by soil conditions and the cultivar grown. The largest tree in North Dakota is 22 feet tall with a canopy spread of 30 feet.

### Preferences

**Light:** Full sun to partial shade.

**Water:** Prefers moist, well drained soils, moderately drought tolerant.

**Soil:** Adaptable to many soil types.

### Comments

Amur Maple is considered invasive in the Eastern United States.

Can be grown multi-trunked or trimmed to grow as a single trunk to give a more tree-like appearance.

'Embers' and 'Flame' are two varieties selected for their brilliant red fall color but some variations can occur. Many other cultivars are also available.

Credits: North Dakota Tree Handbook, North Dakota Extension Service, 1996. Weeds of the week: Amur Maple, *Acer ginnala*, USDA Forest Service, Forest Health Staff, Newtown Square, PA., publication WOW 05-09-05.



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