



*Semi mature field maples 20-25-30cm girth*

*Acer campestre* is a deciduous, medium sized tree which is native to England and much of Europe.

In spring, inconspicuous yellow green flowers emerge at the same time as the foliage. The leaves turn a lush green and have five deep, rounded lobes. When autumn comes, the foliage changes to a glorious shade of yellow and winged fruits hang in clusters from the stems.

The bark is also interesting, finely fissured and corky bark also giving good interest at other times of year. The wood is hard and strong and can make furniture and musical instruments, though the relatively slow growth means it is not commonly used.

Contrary to popular opinion, *Acer campestre* is not just a wildlife friendly hedging plant. This is a highly versatile and underrated variety which can be grown and trained into many different forms. When trained into an umbrella or pleached form, it takes on a fantastic architectural quality which allows it to be used in formal schemes and even show gardens.

It is also available as a standard, multistem, hedging or bonsai / cloud pruned plant.

## **Plant Profile**

**Name:** *Acer campestre*

**Common Name:** Field Maple

**Family:** Aceraceae

**Height:** 12-15m

**Demands:** Suitable for a wide range of soils. Also tolerant of drought, air pollution, wind exposure and to a degree, soil compaction and salty air.

**Foliage:** Small, dark green, 5-lobed leaves. Brilliant gold in Autumn

**Flower:** Inconspicuous small flowers in spring

**Fruit:** Winged seeds in clusters in autumn

**Bark:** Pale brown with close ridges; slightly corky



*Acer campestre multistems, for hedging or specimens*

**Deepdale**

The timber from the field maple can be used for wood-turning and carving.

The dwarf cultivar 'Microphyllum' is especially popular with bonsai enthusiasts.



50-60cm girth with autumn colours



Acer campestre cloud pruned plant



80-90cm girth, pollarded field maple



Acer campestre, pre-clipped instant hedging units, height 2m



Acer campestre pleached 20-25cm girth, autumn colour