

Striped Maple *Acer pensylvanicum*

(Moosewood, Snake bark maple, Goosefoot)

The bark has distinctive vertical stripes on this short shrub-like tree. The large leaves have 3 pointed lobes that are evenly double toothed.



Habitat

The Striped Maple is native to North Eastern America. It is a shrubby shade tolerant tree which is often seen within the undergrowth of a forest. It grows on well drained cool moist soils, in deep valleys and on northern slopes.

Size and form

The short trunk is divided into a few branches forming a broad but uneven crown. The height can be up to 10 m with a diameter of 25 cm for a tree 100 years old. Ascending branches are forked making the crown broad and uneven. The root system is shallow and spread widely.



Leaves

The leaves are often wider than long from 10 to 16 cm. There are 3 lobes drawn out into narrow, pointed tips. Three main veins extend from the base. The centre lobe is shaped like a triangle. A uniform double toothed pattern marks the edges of the pale yellow-green leaves on stalks 3 - 8 cm long. The leaves turn yellow in autumn.