

# BIG LEAF MAPLE

## ACER MACROPHYLLUM



ONE OF THE MOST WELL KNOWN OF OUR NATIVE TREES, BIG LEAF MAPLE OCCURS FROM ALASKA TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. A FAST GROWING 40-50' SHADE TREE (AS MUCH AS 10' PER YEAR!), IT IS FOUND GROWING IN NATURE WHERE THERE IS AT LEAST SOME ACCESS TO WATER AND SHOULD BE PLANTED ACCORDINGLY FOR BEST PERFORMANCE. THE PLUS-SIZED LEAVES CAST A UNIQUE, SOFT SHADE OVER THE LANDSCAPE, AND WITH THE ONSET OF THE CLEAR YELLOW FALL COLOR, THE WHOLE LANDSCAPE BELOW BECOMES AS IF WASHED IN GOLD. AS SO MANY OF OUR NATIVES DO, IT PROVIDES BOTH FOOD FOR BIRDS IN THE FORM OF WINGED SEEDS THAT HANG RIPE IN GENEROUS CLUSTERS, AND FOOD FOR POLLINATORS WHEN THE BLOSSOMS EMERGE WITH THE LEAVES IN SPRING. A WONDERFUL TREE!

USDA ZONES 5-9

SUN TO PARTIAL SHADE