



# Springboro Tree Farms

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## American Sycamore

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Platanus occidentalis*

FAMILY: Platanaceae

ORIGIN: Eastern and Central US

You know the song "...and it seems that I can see the gleaming candle light still burning bright through the sycamores for me." Oh yes. The sycamore is a great (and famous) Indiana tree.

You'll find American Sycamore trees throughout the farm. And guess what...you can tap Sycamore trees for making syrup! We've tried it but did not get any measurable amount of sap. But we'll probably try again someday.



The scientific name for the American Sycamore is *Platanus occidentalis*. American sycamore is truly at home in Indiana. Sycamore trees make handsome shade trees for large



landscapes. The most striking feature of the tree is the bark that has a camouflage pattern comprised of gray-brown outer bark that peels off in patches to reveal the light gray or white wood beneath.

The family of trees includes American planetree, western plane, occidental plane, buttonwood, and water beech. The American Sycamore is native to the eastern and central United States, the mountains of northeastern Mexico, extreme southern Ontario, and extreme southern Quebec.