

Boxelder Maple

SCIENTIFIC NAME: Acer negundo FAMILY: Sapindaceae

ORIGIN: North America

Want to make some maple syrup...with a twist? This little tree is in the maple family. And yes, people do tap these trees for making maple syrup. We've not tried that yet but

we may someday.

The scientific name for Boxelder Maple is Acer negundo. It's also called the Manitoba maple or Ash-leaved maple. And it is a species of maple native to North America. It is a fast-growing, short-lived tree with opposite, compound leaves.

Growing to 40 – 70 foot tall the Box Elder Maple has been used for food containers such as crates and barrels. Crafters have cut wooden utensils (treenware) from the wood. Add to this list toys, basic furniture, and cabinets, as well as carvings.