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Silver Maple

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Acer saccharinum*

FAMILY: Sapindaceae

ORIGIN: Eastern and central United States and southeastern Canada

The Silver Maple is one of the most common trees in the United States. So naturally we have more of them here than we do any other species of tree. Like the Sugar Maple and all the species in the maple family, people do tap these trees for making maple syrup.

We have measured the sugar content of Silver Maple here at the farm and found it to be about half that of a Sugar Maple. So while it is possible to tap these trees for making maple syrup, we don't do it. It just takes too long to boil it down from about 1/2% - 1% sugar in raw sap to 67% sugar of finished maple syrup.

The scientific name for the silver maple is *Acer saccharinum*. It's also known as creek maple, silverleaf maple, soft maple, large maple, water maple, swamp maple, or white maple. This tree is native to the eastern and central United States and southeastern Canada.

