

October Glory Maple (*Acer rubrum* 'October Glory')

Hardiness zones: 4-9

Height: 40-50 feet

Spread: 30-40 feet

Flower color: red

Fall color: red

Soil moisture: medium to wet

Soil type: various

Light: full sun to part shade

Growth rate: medium to fast

Shape: rounded to oval

Drought tolerance: moderate

Everyone loves the brilliant foliage produced by the maple tree. The October Glory is a rapidly growing red maple cultivar that makes an ideal landscaping tree, requires minimal attention and produces some of the most intense fall colors. It is also an excellent shade tree candidate that makes a nice addition to any yard or use as a street tree.



Lustrous green leaves provide shade

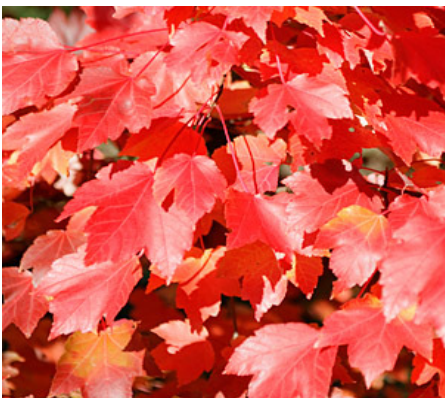


Early spring leaves tinged with red are a preview of what's to come in fall



Deep red leaves create an eye catching scene

Tiny red flowers form in dense clusters during early spring before the leaves emerge. The star-shaped leaves may be initially tinged with red. Many of the leaf stems are red for the first few weeks before changing to a lustrous dark green color that lasts into late fall. The October Glory then turns an intense brilliant orange to a radiant red color after most other trees are losing their leaves. The colors last for several weeks longer than other varieties and because this cultivar is less dependent upon the weather, production of these stunning colors is more reliable.



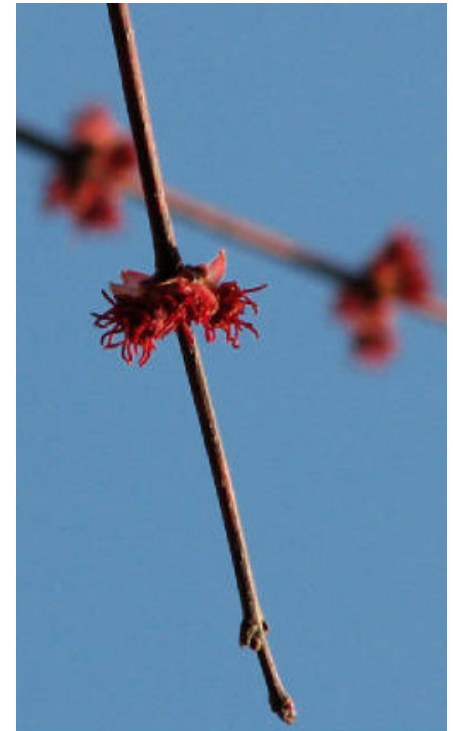
The October Glory makes its mark in the fall



October Glory maple "seeds" or samaras

The bark of the October Glory is smooth, light gray and thin enough to be easily damaged by mowers, particularly on younger trees. The specimen matures into an oval or rounded form with darker gray bark that exhibits furrows and ridges. Once established, the tree is fairly drought tolerant, prefers moist to wet soil and is adaptable to many different soil types. The best time to prune is in fall or early winter during dormancy or in the summer when the leaves have reached full size.

If you are looking for a variety of red maple that outshines all the others, the October Glory is an excellent choice. This trouble free shade tree provides visual interest throughout the year and is sure to liven up your landscape.



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