

# Sugar Maple



The sugar maple is the Wisconsin State Tree! Known, of course, as a source for maple syrup, the tree fills a larger place in forest ecology. Its sap, bark and seeds are important sources of food for birds, insects and mammals. During the early spring 200-250 gallons of sap can rise up through a mature tree each day, being drawn up from the trees roots. Sugar Maples exhibit a Maple trees are used for all kinds of furniture making, veneer and making musical instruments. As important as this tree is, it is in decline over much of its range. Recurrent and persistent insect damage, over tapping for sap, root damage from road salt runoff, as well as climate change are all noted as causes for this decline.