

Skinner's Silver Maple

Acer saccharinum 'Skinner' (Family: *Sapindaceae*)

Description: A fast growing and weak-wooded tree, originated as a chance seedling in the J.H. Skinner Nursery in Topeka, KS. The tree has a pyramidal outline and deeply dissected, fine leaves. Tree is best used in wet areas or where nothing else will thrive.

Hardiness: USDA hardiness zones 3 to 9.

Natural Habitat: North America.

Mature Size: Height: 50' to 60', Spread: 40' to 60'

Form (Shape): Pyramidal and weeping.

Growth Rate: Fast.

Foliage: Attractive green finely cut leaves with silver undersides that turn buttery yellow in fall.

Texture: Fine.

Flowers: Showy clusters of red flowers. Blooms in spring.

Fruit: Winged seeds (schizocarps) can be seen but are not showy. Fruit can be messy.

Light: Full sun to part shade.

Soil: Adaptable to many soils, prefers average to wet conditions. Can tolerate some standing water.

Propagation: Softwood cuttings.

Failure Patterns: Weak, brittle wood and fast growth can cause failure.

Disease and Insects: Relatively pest free. Susceptible to *Verticillium* wilt and anthracnose.

Landscape Use: Accent or shade tree. Highly tolerant of urban environments.

Availability: Somewhat available in trade.