# Fall Fiesta Sugar Maple

***Acer saccharum 'Bailsta'***

Height: 60 feet

Spread: 60 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Hard Maple, Rock Maple

**Description:**

A first class, reliable shade tree, featuring a fiery blend of fall colors ranging from yellow to orange and red; a large tree, best in larger landscapes; one of the hardiest selections, adaptable to soils, but dislikes air pollution and compaction

**Ornamental Features**

Fall Fiesta Sugar Maple has dark green deciduous foliage on a tree with a round habit of growth. The lobed leaves turn outstanding shades of yellow, orange and red in the fall.

**Landscape Attributes**

Fall Fiesta Sugar Maple is a dense deciduous tree with a more or less rounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and should only be pruned in summer after the leaves have fully developed, as it may 'bleed' sap if pruned in late winter or early spring. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Fall Fiesta Sugar Maple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade



*Fall Fiesta Sugar Maple in fall*
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## Planting & Growing

Fall Fiesta Sugar Maple will grow to be about 60 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 60 feet. It has a high canopy of foliage that sits well above the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 100 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations!

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species.



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