



Silver maple has separate male and female flowers. Male flowers are grouped together in a rounded cluster (picture left). Each male flower has 4 [sepals](#) and 4 to 6 [stamens](#). Female flowers (no picture yet, doggonit) occur in small, dense clusters. Each female flower has 4 [sepals](#) and one [pistil](#) with 2 [styles](#).

Fruit is a pair of [samaras](#). Each samara is 1.5 to 2.5 inches long and they are connected at a 60- to 90-degree angle. Fruit mature in spring.



Leaves [simple](#) and opposite; 5 lobes with deep sinuses; the [margins](#) are mostly irregularly [serrated](#), but the margins of the [sinuses](#) are entire.

Stems are reddish-brown with a rank odor when crushed. Leaf buds, [imbricate](#), green to red, flattened ovoids (left photo). Flower buds globose often in dense clusters (right photo in upper left corner).



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*Acer saccharinum*

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This tree is oval, in form, often with pendulous branches. Height: 60-80 feet.



Fall color is yellow to yellow green.



Bark is gray, with a shaggy appearance.

