

Acer macrophyllum Pursh var. *macrophyllum*

[*Acer dactylophyllum* E. Greene, *Acer leptodactylon* E. Greene, *Acer politum* E. Greene]

Bigleaf Maple

Description: Winter-deciduous broadleaf tree 5-30 m high, twigs coarse, glabrous, greenish to brownish. Leaves area palmately lobed, petiole 5-12 cm long, leaf blade 10-25 cm wide, with 3-5 deep, irregularly few-toothed lobes. Inflorescence is a long, pendent, >30-flowered raceme, with staminate & bisexual flowers. Flowers with petals present; blooms from April to May. The fruit is a variable double-winged samara; fruit body is brown-hairy, wings spreading <90°.

Habitat: streambanks, canyons; Riparian Woodland, <1,500 m.

Distribution: Southwest British Columbia south to northern San Diego County, California. Not in desert areas.

Landscape Position: Best in somewhat protected locations, north and east sides of house in hot valleys and mountains, anywhere along immediate coast. Hardy to USDA Zones 5 & 6.

Landscape Attributes: Provides nice fall colors in yellows and gold. Large leaves for course texture. Deciduous. Ascending habit, becoming rounded with age. Nice specimen tree. Can tolerate irrigated lawn conditions.

