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Acer rubrum var. *drummondii*

Acer rubrum L. var. *drummondii* (Hook. & Arn. ex Nutt.) Sarg.

Drummond's Maple, Drummond Red Maple, Swamp Maple

[Aceraceae](#) (Maple Family)

Synonym(s): *Acer drummondii*, *Acer rubrum* ssp. *drummondii*, *Rufacer drummondii*

USDA Symbol: ACRUD

USDA Native Status: L48 (N)

Acer rubrum var. *drummondii* displays the general characteristics of its species, but has 3- to 5-lobed leaves that are hairy over their entire lower surface. It tends to prefer moist, swampy sites and isn't as cold-hardy as the other *A. rubrum* varieties, native no farther north than southern Illinois and southern New Jersey. It grows as far west as southeast Texas.



Wasowski, Sally and Andy



The variety name of this species is named for Thomas Drummond (ca. 1790-1835), naturalist, born in Scotland, around 1790. In 1830 he made a trip to America to collect specimens from the western and southern United States. In March, 1833, he arrived at Velasco, Texas to begin his collecting work in that area. He spent twenty-one months working the area between Galveston Island and the Edwards Plateau, especially along the Brazos, Colorado, and Guadalupe rivers. His collections were the first made in Texas that were extensively distributed among the museums and scientific institutions of the world. He collected 750 species of plants and 150 specimens of birds. Drummond had hoped to make a complete botanical survey of Texas, but he died in Havana, Cuba, in 1835, while making a collecting tour of that island.

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Plant Characteristics

Duration: [Perennial](#)

Habit: [Tree](#)

Root Type: [Fibrous](#)

Leaf Retention: [Deciduous](#)

Leaf Arrangement: [Opposite](#)

Leaf Complexity: [Palmate](#)

Leaf Venation: [Palmate](#)

Leaf Pubescence: Hirsute

Leaf Margin: [Serrate](#)

Breeding System: Flowers [Unisexual](#) , [Dioecious](#)

Fruit Type: [Samara](#)

Size Notes: Up to about 80 feet tall.

Leaf: Green, turning red or yellow in fall

Autumn Foliage: yes

Fruit: Red



Bloom Information

Bloom Color: Red

Bloom Time: Feb , Mar , Apr

Distribution

USA: AL , AR , DE , FL , GA , IL , IN , KY , LA , MO , MS , NC , NJ , SC , TN , TX , VA

Native Distribution: Southeast Texas north to southern Illinois and east to southern New Jersey and Florida

Native Habitat: Moist, open woodlands and swamps

Growing Conditions

Water Use: Medium

Light Requirement: Part Shade

Soil Moisture: Moist , Wet

Soil pH: Acidic (pH<6.8)

Drought Tolerance: Low

Heat Tolerant: yes

Soil Description: Moist to wet, acidic sands, sandy loams, medium loams, clay loams, and clays

Conditions Comments: Occurs naturally in moist woods and swamps

Benefit

Use Ornamental: Showy, attractive shade tree with conspicuous fall color and decorative, red male flowers and female samaras in spring

Use Wildlife: Seeds consumed by a variety of birds and squirrels, leaves eaten by deer.

Entire plant relied on by a number of moths and other insects.

Conspicuous Flowers: yes

Interesting Foliage: yes

Attracts: Birds

Larval Host: A number of sphinx moths

Deer Resistant: No



Propagation

Propagation Material: Seeds

From the National Organizations Directory

According to the species list provided by Affiliate Organizations, this plant is on display at the following locations:

Crosby Arboretum - Picayune, MS

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department - Austin, TX

Mt. Cuba Center - Hockessin, DE

Wellspring Organic Farm and Education Center - West Bend, WI

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