

Acer rubrum

COMMON NAME

red maple

FAMILY

Sapindaceae

AUTHORITY

Acer rubrum L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Deciduous tree; shoots red to coppery-brown. Leaves silvery below; 3-5 lobed; petioles red above, yellow-green below.

DISTRIBUTION

First record as adventive in NZ (near Fordell, Wanganui) made in Feb. 2015

HABITAT

Hillside garden adjoining pasture with a planted adult tree

FLOWER COLOURS

Green, Red/Pink

LIFE CYCLE

Winged seeds

YEAR NATURALISED

2015

ORIGIN

Eastern and Central North America, Newfoundland to Texas

ETYMOLOGY

acer: Thought to be derived from the Latin acer 'hard' or 'sharp', the wood once having been used for writing tablets

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Mitchell, A. 1974. A field guide to the trees of Britain and Northern Europe. Collins

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/acer-rubrum/>



Leaf underside; planted tree in pasture, 'Paloma', Fordell, Wanganui. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 12/01/2019, Licence: CC BY-NC.



New shoot against parent tree's trunk; tree in pasture, 'Paloma', Fordell, Wanganui. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 12/01/2019, Licence: CC BY-NC.