



Bigleaf Maple

Acer macrophyllum

Maple Family (*Aceraceae*)

General Description: One of the most common deciduous trees in our region. It can reach heights up to 100ft tall with a broadly spreading crown up to 50ft across.

Key Characteristics: Trunk and older bark is light brown or grey, new growth is shiny and smooth. Numerous pale lenticels. Highly visible bud-scale scars. Leaf buds are oppositely arranged and 1/2” long, with overlapping burgundy bud scales. Leaf scars are V-shaped and meet in an upward curve around stem.

Confused With: Oregon ash. Note bright green color of young maple twigs.

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