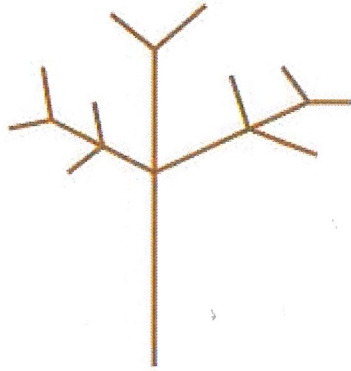


Sugar Maple Identification



Opposite Branching

Most branches and twigs will have a 'buddy' opposite of them. This is easiest to see on small twigs near the end of a branch.



Bark

Light gray, flaky, "frosted flake" bark, often has black patches near the base.

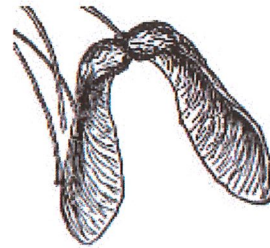


Twigs and Buds

Twigs are slender, smooth, and reddish brown. Buds are pointed with small scales.

Fruit

Maple seeds, called samaras, are produced in the fall. A few seeds may still be visible underneath the tree.



Leaves

Leaves are located opposite one another on the branch. In winter, the buds are visible where the leaves will grow in the spring.