

Acer capillipes

Snake-bark Maple



Acer capillipes foliage

Acer capillipes is commonly known as Snake-bark Maple. The tree originates from Japan and was introduced to the United Kingdom in 1894.

It is a small, deciduous tree with the striking feature of the grey-white striped bark. This is best visible when the tree is juvenile.

The foliage offers additional interest all year round as the young, new growth unfurls red changing to green for summer before turning from a vivid orange-red to deep red in the autumn.

Acer capillipes also showcases flowers, white/yellow in drooping racemes in May, along with winged fruits who start light-green then phasing to red-brown.



Acer capillipes 3-3.5m Multi Stem CG

Plant Profile

Name:	<i>Acer capillipes</i>
Common Name:	Snake-bark Maple
Family:	Sapindaceae
Height:	8-12 metres
Width:	4-8 metres
Demands:	Sheltered, full / partial sun
Soil:	Moist but well drained chalk, clay, sand, loam
Foliage:	12cm long 3 lobed leaves
Flowers:	Flowers green, in drooping racemes, attractive pink fruits

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It is from the thread-like stalks of the flowers and fruits that this maple gets its name. *Capillipes* is derived from *Cappilaceous* or *capillaris* - resembling a strand of hair.

The flowers on the tree are brilliant for the bees and butterflies.



Acer capillipes flowers



Acer capillipes field grown



Acer capillipes bark