

MAPLE (ARCE)

Common name: Maple.

Scientific name: Ases.

Type of plant: Tree with leaves of most species are palmate, veined and lobed.

Deciduous or evergreen: Deciduous.

Location: Is native to the northern hemisphere, specifically temperate and cold regions. It can be found in various countries such as Canada, the United States, China, Japan, Korea and other European Countries. In Spain, it is most commonly found in Asturias and Galicia.

Average life: Great longevity due to its slow growth, up to 30 years.

Height: The average height of the maple is between 6 and 10.

Reproduction: The maple produces a fruit called Samare.

Flowers: Bows flower in late winter or early spring, in most species at the same time as the leaves appear or just after, in some even before. Their leaves are called palmate.

Used: Maple trees are widely cultivated as ornamental trees, for syrup production, and as lumber. Some species exhibit colorful autumn foliage. *Acer saccharum* is used for sap extraction, which, when boiled, produces maple syrup, which is used to make candy.

Needs: In this case, a fresh, sandy soil, not calcareous, with good drainage is required. It also requires a slightly acidic soil, with a pH between 4 and 6.

