

## **Field Maple**

*Acer campestre* L.

**Distribution.** Grows in Europe and Western Asia. Grows often in the undergrowth or along the forest.

**Morphology.** Tree or large shrub, up to 10 m high with a rounded crown. Dark brown, grey, grooved bark, often with cork growths. Young shoots yellowish brown, thin. 5, rarely 3 lobes per leaf. 5.5 to 8.5 cm long, 5.4 to 8.8 cm wide, bright green leaves, downy at the bottom. Short-pointed lobes, the margin entire or lobed. Inflorescence erect, corymbose. Greenish-yellow flowers. Up to 3 cm long, horizontally extended samaras. Flat, pilose nutlet. Blooms in April, May. Fruits ripen in September, October.

**Ecology.** Medium winter-hardy to winter-hardy plant. Young plant is a shade tolerant. Grows well in neutral or alkaline soils, tolerates also acidic soil. Drought tolerant. Often suffer from mildew.

**Importance.** Decorative greenery plant. Suitable as hedge plant.