**sugar maple**  
*Acer saccharum*

**Bark:** gray smooth when young; grey/brown with irregular platy ridges  
**Foliage:** green, with 3-5 lobes; edges smooth  
**Twigs:** red/brown with lenticels, turning gray with age  
**Flower:** small green/yellow, long dangling stems, lacking petals, male and female separate  
**Fruit:** paired “helicopter” (samaras) with bright green seed; horse-shoe shaped; summer-fall