

- 1 Leaves pinnately compound, sometimes with only 3 leaflets ... 2. **A. NEGUNDO** 2 *Acer negundo*
- + Leaves palmately lobed (2)
- 2 (1) Sinuses between the main leaf lobes rounded or U-shaped (3)
- + Sinuses between the main leaf lobes angled or V-shaped (4)
- 3 (2) Leaf blades silvery white on the undersurface, the central lobe noticeably narrowed toward the base; flowers produced before the leaves ... 4. **A. SACCHARINUM** 4 *Acer saccharinum*
- + Leaf blades lighter green on the undersurface than on the upper surface, but not silvery white, the central lobe broadest at the base or with nearly parallel sides; flowers produced during expansion of the leaves ... 5. **A. SACCHARUM** 5 *Acer saccharum*
- 4 (2) Leaf blades relatively deeply lobed, the lateral lobes cut 1/22/3 of the way to the base, the central lobe noticeably narrowed toward the base; flowers lacking petals; fruits with the wings 3.06.5 cm long, broadly spreading ... 4. **A. SACCHARINUM** 4 *Acer saccharinum*
- + Leaf blades relatively shallowly lobed, the lateral lobes cut 1/41/2 of the way to the base, the central lobe broadest at or just above the base; flowers with small petals; fruits with the wings 1.53.0(4.0) cm long, narrowly spreading, sometimes appearing parallel or nearly so (5)
- 5 (4) Flowers produced during or after expansion of the leaves, individually short-stalked in dense, narrow panicles from branch tips, appearing pale yellowish green to yellowish white ... 1. **A. GINNALA** 1 *Acer ginnala*
- + Flowers produced before the leaves, sessile or nearly so in dense clusters from buds along the branches (the stalks elongating greatly after flowering as the fruits mature), appearing orangish red to purplish red ... 3. **A. RUBRUM** 3 *Acer rubrum*