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This is one of the few maples which have a compound leaf. It is "trifoliate" meaning it has three leaflets. Each leaflet is coarsely toothed, about 2 inches long, and the leafstem is also 2-3 inches. The leaves turn russet to scarlet in the Autumn.

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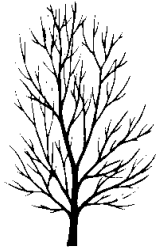
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The seeds are unusually large, growing up to 1.5 inches. The bark provides the key interest for this Maple, peeling to expose the cinnamon or red-brown inner bark which, in turn, will peel back. This exfoliation occurs not only on the trunk, but on second year branches as well.

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A smaller tree, often multistemmed, the Paperbark Maple will seldom grow to more than 30 feet. Not a very hardy tree, it suffers in extreme heat and extended drought, but it grows well in partial shade.

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This is one of the earliest and best finds of Ernest Henry Wilson, the great 20th century botanical explorer of China. The Paperbark Maple is a member of the trifoliate group of maples which includes the Manchurian and Nikko Maple from Japan which were also introduced to the West by Wilson.

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