



Acer opalus



Height	10 - 15 m
Width	5-10m
Crown	ovoid / egg-shaped
Bark and branches	branches brown brown, bark brown, later flaking off in plates
Leaf	palmately lobed, 3-5 (7) lobes, 16-20 cm, mat green
Autumn colour	yellow, orange, red
Flowers	greenish yellow, with hairy pedicels, end of March
Fruits	single-seed, winged nutlets, always paired
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	preferably on calcareous, not in wet soils, well-drained
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	6 (-23,3 to -17,8 °C)
Wind resistance	fairly
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), valuable for butterflies
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
Origin	Central and Southern Europe and Northwest Africa (Algeria and Morocco)

Acer opalus (Italian maple) grows from a shrub form into a medium-sized tree with an ovoid to ovoid crown. Its twigs, bark and leaves are not particularly spectacular. The leaves of this Italian maple are quite variable in shape; the number of lobes varies from 3 to 7. The tips of the lobes are pointed to rounded. The upper side of the leaf is hairless, the underside is initially completely hairy, later only on the main veins. The flower stalks are also hairy, which is a distinctive feature of Acer opalus. The autumn colours can be red to deep red-brown, but are highly dependent on location and local climate. The two winged fruits are at right to acute angles to each other.