



Acer rubrum 'Somerset'



Height	10 - 15 m
Width	7-10m
Crown	oval, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	twigs dark red, bark grey
Leaf	palmately lobed with (3) 5 lobes, about 10 cm long and broad, dark green
Autumn colour	red
Flowers	red, in small umbels, late March-April
Fruits	none, male cultivar
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	loamy soil, sandy soil, acid soil
Paving	tolerates partial paving
Winter hardiness zone	4 (-34,4 to -28,9 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), valuable for butterflies
Application	avenues and broad streets
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem tree

Acer rubrum 'Somerset' is a medium to large tree with a regular continuous heart branch. The crown is initially pyramidal, but later becomes broadly pyramidal to eventually become broadly oval. 'Somerset' has dense but regular branching. This cultivar arose from a cross between 'October Glory' and 'Autumn Flame'. It is a sister seedling to 'Brandywine' and was thus selected in the same cross programme -resistance to dwarf cicadas-. The summer foliage is dark green, but in autumn it turns a brilliant dark red.

The tree is male, which means that no seeds are formed, which also means there is no metastasis. On calcareous soils and excessively dry soils, growth will stagnate. Less good autumn colours will also be seen on these soils.

Applicable as a solitary tree in parks and gardens or as avenue tree in semi-paved areas, wide green spaces, etc. Due to its final width unsuitable for narrow profiles.