

# Tree of the Month



**October 2021**

Is awarded by **Wild About Barrow** to

**Crimson King or Purple Norway Maple (*Acer platanoides schwedleri nigra*)**

**Mill Lane playground**

*For its spectacular foliage throughout most of the year and beautiful shape.*  
Like almost all maples it has palmate leaves with 5 lobes and 4 – 5 petals and sepals.



Acers, or maples, are found in many northern hemisphere countries. It is a major source of early pollen for honeybees. The helicopter fruit inspired the US army in World War II to design a special air drop supply carrier which could carry up to 29kg of supplies. Maple is a 'tonewood' as it carries sound waves very well and is used in many musical instruments.

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