Striped Maple *Acer pensylvanicum*  
(Moosewood, Snake bark maple, Goosefoot)

The bark has distinctive vertical stripes on this short shrub-like tree. The large leaves have 3 pointed lobes that are evenly double toothed.

### Habitat
The Striped Maple is native to North Eastern America. It is a shrubby shade tolerant tree which is often seen within the undergrowth of a forest. It grows on well drained cool moist soils, in deep valleys and on northern slopes.

### Size and form
The short trunk is divided into a few branches forming a broad but uneven crown. The height can be up to 10 m with a diameter of 25 cm for a tree 100 years old. Ascending branches are forked making the crown broad and uneven. The root system is shallow and spread widely.

### Leaves
The leaves are often wider than long from 10 to 16 cm. There are 3 lobes drawn out into narrow, pointed tips. Three main veins extend from the base. The centre lobe is shaped like a triangle. A uniform double toothed pattern marks the edges of the pale yellow-green leaves on stalks 3 - 8 cm long. The leaves turn yellow in autumn.