



MAPLE TREE

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In the fall, green leaves of maple trees turn red, yellow, and orange. These bright colors are in the leaves all summer, but the green blocks them out.

When the leaves begin to die in the fall, the green disappears and bright shades appear. The leaves soon drop to the ground.





The maple tree stands bare all winter. In early spring, clusters of bright red buds appear at the tips of its branches.

Soon the buds open into small red flowers. Look closely and you will see their beauty. Can you tell why this maple is called a red maple?

