

## Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*)

Origin: Native.

Status in Park: Widespread; in woods throughout park.

Characteristics: Up to 100 feet in height, 3 feet in diameter; crown broadly rounded, with many branches; bark gray to dark brown to black, becoming furrowed and scaly; flowers yellowish green, in dense clusters, when leaves start to unfold; fruits are winged, in pairs, with a seed attached to each inch-long wing.

Leaves: Opposite, simple; up to 5 inches long, with 3-5 lobes, each coarsely toothed; dark green above, paler beneath, smooth on both surfaces.



## An aerial photograph of a wooded area with several clearings. A red location pin with a white center and a red 'X' is placed in the upper left quadrant. The map includes labels for 'Spring Creek' in the top left, 'North Bull Run' in the upper center, and 'Sugar Creek' in several locations. A road labeled 'TOWNSHIP ROAD 100' runs diagonally from the bottom center towards the right. A small inset map in the bottom center shows a larger regional context. The text 'SUGAR MAPLE' is overlaid in a white box in the top right corner. The bottom right corner is labeled 'KONJULAC PARK DISTRICT'.

Notes: Valuable timber species; the high-quality wood is used for lumber, furniture, flooring, and many other purposes. The trees produce maple syrup, and they are often planted as ornamentals