

# FACT SHEET

## ACER x FREEMANII | 'AUTUMN BLAZE'



**Origin:** North America

**Habit:** Oval to round with a straight central leader. Uniform and dense.

- Height: 15 metres in 20 years
- Width: 10 metres
- Growth rate: Moderate

**Description:** This well structured and very adaptable tree features some of the best autumn foliage colourings of the hybrid red maples, but is most useful as a medium to large shade tree for car parks, amenity areas around buildings, medium to large properties and for street, avenue or park plantings.

- Foliage: Deeply lobed, rich green leaves, changing to intense red in early autumn.
- Flowers: Insignificant. Small red flowers. Female.
- Fruit: Virtually seedless in Australian conditions. Green winged samara if produced.
- Bark: Thin. Dark greyish-brown. Becoming furrowed with age.

**Tolerances:** Wide range of soil and climatic conditions including relatively wet sites and moderate air pollution. Heat, drought and cold conditions.

**Notes:** A selection from a cross between *A. rubrum* and *A. saccharinum*, this tree is now widely planted in Australia, where it combines the best attributes of its parents. Prefers full sun for best growth and colour development.

**References:** [http://www.flemings.com.au/topten\\_details.asp?CULT\\_ID=ACERBLAZ](http://www.flemings.com.au/topten_details.asp?CULT_ID=ACERBLAZ)  
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