

Plant of the Month: September

Big Leaf Maple



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macrophyllum



How to recognize: 5 fingered leaves, seeds are double-winged samaras ("helicopter seeds"), bark has grooves and ridges, often hosts moss and lichen

How big: up to 100 feet tall, branches spread up to 50 feet wide, leaves up to 12 inches in diameter.

What kind of plant: deciduous tree

Where do they grow: west coast; second most common tree in Pacific Northwest

