

Vine Maple

Spring
flowers



New leaf growth



Winged seeds, samaras



Fall foliage



Leaves opposite, palmate,



Winter buds



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PNW Native Plant

Acer Circinatum

Deciduous shrub to sprawling small tree

Arching Branches

Cultural Uses: It can be used for decorative purposes due to its colorful foliage. The dense and hard wood makes excellent fuel but fresh is flexible and used for baskets, fish traps, drum hoops, spoons, dishes and a variety of small tools.

Part sun

Part shade

Moist to wet soils



Ecology:

Stream banks,
under trees,
canopy openings,
forest edges

Restoration and Landscape Uses:

Vine Maple is used as an understory shrub or small tree. It likes moist to wet conditions and prefers riparian corridors and streams or river banks. Does best in part shade-shade and is found in open forests and forest edges. It can grow up to 25 feet tall and has delicate spring flowers. It becomes fire-engine red in fall on open sites.