



Acer x freemanii AUTUMN BLAZE ('Jeffersred')



Height	12 - 15 m, fast growing
Width	9-12m
Crown	broad pyramidal to oval, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	smooth, grey-brown
Leaf	5 lobes, thick, shiny bright green with red veins and leaf stem, 8-10 cm
Autumn colour	orange, red
Flowers	reddish flower corymbs, female flowers, March/April
Fruits	single seeds, winged, always in pairs, few or entirely absent, fruitless cultivar
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	any, but not too limy
Paving	tolerates paving
Winter hardiness zone	4 (-34,4 to -28,9 °C)
Wind resistance	good
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, valuable for butterflies
Application	avenues and broad streets
Shape	clearstem tree
Origin	Jeffers Nursery, Fostoria, OH, USA, 1980
Synonyms	Acer x freemanii 'Autumn Blaze'

Medium-size tree up to approx. 15 m height with regular, broad, pyramidal crown. The bright green, 5-lobed leaves are fairly small and less deeply dissected than with *A. saccharinum*. They have red stems and a greyish underside. In autumn it turns deep orange-red to intense red. The autumn colour persists quite a long time before the leaf falls. Like all *A. x freemanii*, 'Jeffersred' flourishes on most soils as long as they are not too limy. Although the plant is female, fruits rarely form. The tree was discovered at the end of the 1960s by Glenn Jeffers of the eponymous nursery, but only named in 1980.