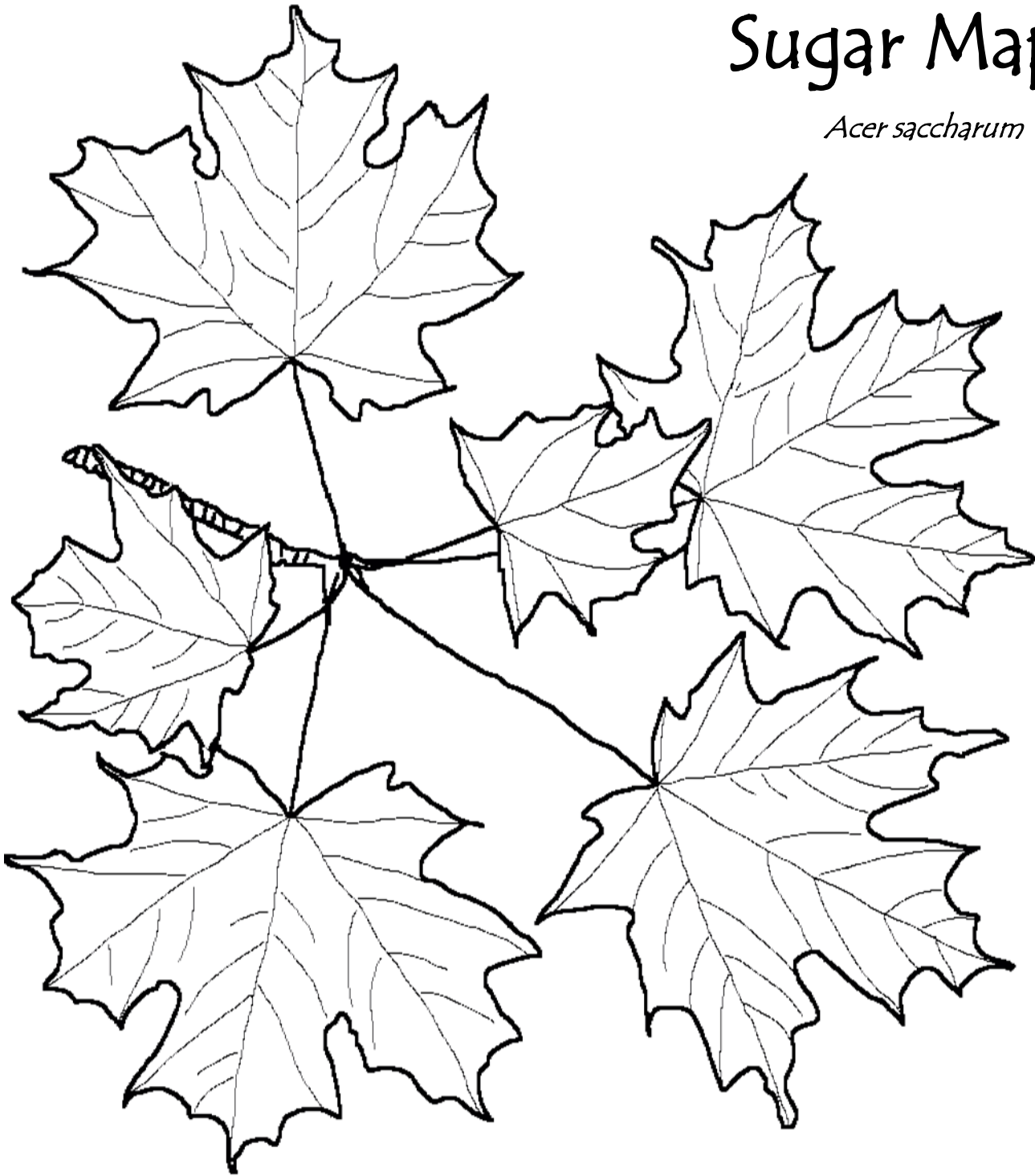


Sugar Maple

Acer saccharum



State tree of: NEW YORK, WEST VIRGINIA, WISCONSIN, VERMONT

Sugar maples are among the best known trees in the eastern United States because of their handsome appearance and distinctive leaf shape. The sugar maple is tapped in early spring and boiled down to form pure maple syrup. Often planted as ornamental and shade trees, they are prized for their fall colors of brilliant yellow, orange, and sometimes red. The hard wood is used to make furniture, veneer, cabinets, and many other items.