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*Acer*

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*Acer* is derived from Latin *acer* (hard, sharp) or possibly Celtic *ac* (point) with reference to the past use of acer wood as writing tablets and spear shafts, and is the Latin name for ‘maple tree’.

Authorities note that in the context of companion planting most maples inhibit the growth of nearby plants.