

Bark shedding

Tree bark falls off as the tree grows. Some trees tend to shed bark in large patches or strips. The amount of bark shed can vary from year to year.

Sycamore and silver maple trees tend to be most noticeable when shedding bark. Sycamore sheds bark in patches. When the bark drops off, the stem is bright green and then develops normal bark coloration. Silver maple sheds bark in strips, and the newly exposed bark is orange on healthy branches.

Bark shedding can be a sign of disease or some other problem. If the bark drops off and exposes bare wood, the shedding is a symptom of some type of problem. If the bark drops off and exposes new bark but not bare wood, the shedding is probably normal. Normal shedding can occur quite suddenly.