

PLANT HARDINESS ZONES

HUMBER NURSERIES "GREEN THUMB GUIDE"



The Plant Hardiness Zones Map outlines the different areas in Canada where various types of trees, shrubs and flowers will most likely survive. It is based on the historical average climatic conditions of each area and, as such, is intended as a general guide. No consideration is given to the possibility of future climate change, which is extremely difficult to predict.

Significant local factors, such as micro-topography, shelter, and variations in snow cover, are too small to be captured on the map but have an impact on plant survival. Often a plant that is continuously protected during winter by snow cover will grow well in a colder zone than indicated. Other variations of climate may occur in islands of milder or more severe conditions within particular zones. It is important to remember that many plants may, now and in future, thrive in colder zones than traditionally believed. Winterizing techniques (see Green Thumb Guide #GT309) can further extend the survival range of many desirable plants.

Brampton and Toronto are considered to lie within Zone 6 and downtown Toronto, (and other areas closer to Lake Ontario) is in the milder range of that zone. There are many examples of Torontonians successfully growing plants which have traditionally been considered too tender for these conditions. While Humber does not guarantee certain plants over winter because of border-line cold hardiness, customers are nevertheless encouraged to experiment and take advantage of special conditions such as shelter, micro-climate and winter protection .



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Arboreal Emblems of Canada

The arboreal emblem for Canada is a generic maple tree representing the ten species of maple native to Canada.

Nunavut does not have an arboreal emblem.



YUKON TERRITORIES
Subalpine Fir
(*Abies lasiocarpa*)



NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
Tamarack
(*Larix laricina*)



BRITISH COLUMBIA
Western red cedar
(*Thuja plicata*)

PLANT HARDINESS ZONE MAP



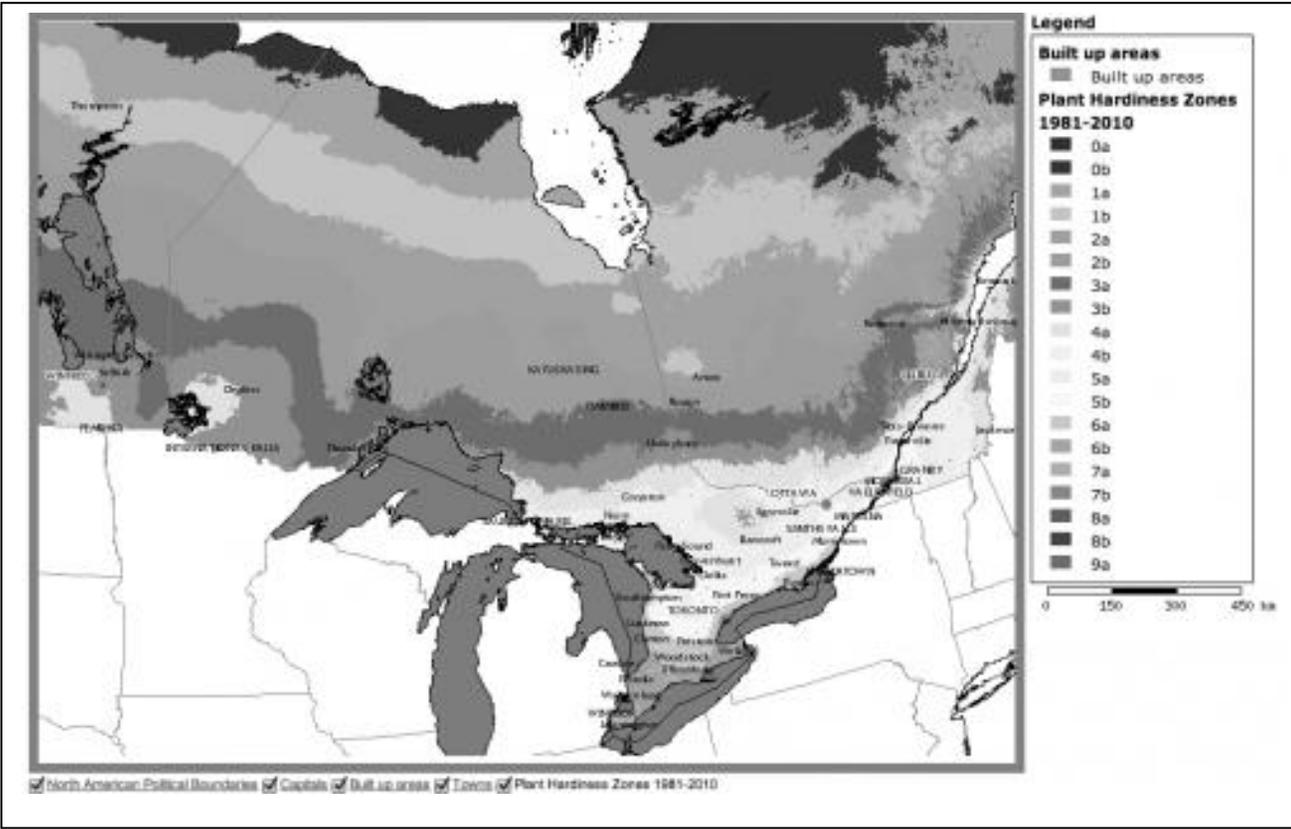
NOVA SCOTIA
Red spruce
(*Picea rubens*)



NEWFOUNDLAND
Black spruce
(*Picea mariana*)



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
Red oak
(*Quercus rubra*)



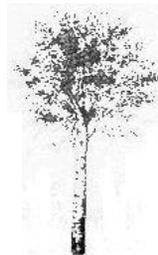
ALBERTA
Lodgepole pine
(*Pinus contorta var. latifolia*)



SASKATCHEWAN
White birch
(*Betula papyrifera*)



QUEBEC
Yellow birch
(*Betula alleghaniensis*)



ONTARIO
Eastern White Pine
(*Pinus strobus*)



MANITOBA
White spruce
(*Picea glauca*)

