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# Rhus aromatica

## Fragrant Sumac



A spreading shrub, variable in height, but usually quite low. It transplants easily and suckers prolifically. Good for mass plantings, roadsides, banks, slopes, etc. Does well in sandy soils, and sun or part-shade. Yellow flowers are small, but appear before the leaves in the spring, so they're quite showy. Fall color can be amazing - orange, scarlet and/or purple. Good bird and wildlife plant.

**Suggested companions:** oaks (*Quercus* sp.), hickories (*Carya* sp.), lowbush blueberry (*Vaccinium angustifolium*), black raspberry (*Rubus occidentalis*), gray dogwood (*Cornus racemosa*), little bluestem (*Schizochirium scoparium*), smooth aster (*Aster laevis*)

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Plant Type: Shrub  
Size: 6-10' H  
12-20' W

Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:

Woodland Margin  
Open field/ Prairie  
Riverbanks

Soil: Average Garden Soil  
Sandy/ Gravelly

Exposure: sun  
filtered

Flower Color:  
Yellow

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Bloom Time:  
March  
April

Other Attributes:

Bird attracting  
Fall color  
Wildlife attracting  
Deer resistant  
Butterfly attracting