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 (Schizachyrium scoparius), smooth aster (Aster laevis)

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

Habitat: Woodland Margin
Open field/ Prairie
Riverbanks

Water Tolerant: No

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Sandy/ Gravelly

Exposure: sun filtered

Flower Color: Yellow

Bloom Time: March
April

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes: Bird attracting
Fall color
Wildlife attracting
Deer resistant
Butterfly attracting