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Rhus copallina

Shining Sumac



Also called Flameleaf or Winged Sumac. Large compound leaves are glossy green, changing to flaming oranges and reds in the fall. Yellowish-green flowers in July, followed by spires of velvety red berries which persist through the winter. Adapts to many sites and conditions. Suckers to form large colonies. One of the most beautiful plants for fall color, but must be sited carefully because of its spreading habit.

Suggested companions: gray dogwood (*Cornus racemosa*), virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*), little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparius*), goldenrods (*Solidago* sp.), asters (*Aster* sp.), bracken fern (*Pteridium aquilinum*)

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Plant Type: Shrub

Size: 20-25' H
20-25' W

Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:

Woodland Margin
Open field/ Prairie

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Sandy/ Gravelly
Rich Moist
Clay

Exposure: sun

Flower Color:

Green
Yellow

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Bloom Time:

July

Other Attributes:

Bird attracting
Wildlife attracting
Fall color
Deer resistant
Butterfly attracting