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# Rhus glabra

## Smooth Sumac

A bold plant, normally found in open fields. Foliage turns a brilliant scarlet-red in fall. Flowers appear as spikes on open thick branches. The upright spikes change to red in the fall, and persist through winter. Will sucker and form clones, so plant in large open areas where it can spread.



**Suggested Companions:** little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*), old-field goldenrod (*Solidago nemoralis*), rough blazing star (*Liatris aspera*), wild bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*)

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Plant Type: Shrub  
Size: 10-20' H  
20-35' W

Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:  
Open field/ Prairie  
Woodland Margin

Soil: Average Garden Soil  
Sandy/ Gravelly  
Rich Moist  
Clay

Exposure: sun

Flower Color: Green  
Yellow  
Bloom Time: July

Plant in:  
Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:  
Fall color  
Winter interest  
Wildlife attracting  
Deer resistant  
Butterfly attracting