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Rhus typhina

Staghorn Sumac



This beautiful plant's fall foliage is a spectacular blaze of red and orange, and its spikes of velvety, crimson berries are attractive all winter. However, it spreads so vigorously through root suckering that it is hard to use in the residential landscape. Will grow in almost any soil except swamps; great for dry, sterile banks or roadsides. A great bird habitat, attractive year-round. Combine with fall blooming asters and goldenrods for a dramatic fall show.

Suggested companions: chokecherry (*Prunus virginiana*), eastern redcedar (*Juniperus virginiana*), highbush cranberry (*Viburnum trilobum*), and nannyberry (*Viburnum lentago*).

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Plant Type: Shrub

Size: 15-25' H
15-25' W

Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:

Open field/ Prairie
Woodland Margin

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Sandy/ Gravelly
Rich Moist
Clay

Exposure:

Flower Color:

Yellow
Green

Bloom Time:

June
July

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:

Fall color
Winter interest
Wildlife attracting
Deer resistant
Butterfly attracting