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## General

Scientific Name: *Rhus aromatica* Family: Anacardiaceae (Cashew) Hardiness: Zone 4 Leaves: Deciduous Plant Type: Shrub

## Growth

Rate: Medium Mature Height: >7' Longevity: Medium Power Line: Yes

#### **Ornamental**

Flowers: Yellow Fruit: Red, hairy Fall Color: Yellow to red

# Fragrant Sumac

# Description

Spreading shrub with branches turning up at the tip. Tends to form a dense mass of stems and leaves. Good for bank stabilization. Fragrant aromatic leaves, particularly when crushed. Yellow catkin-like flowers. Native to the eastern U.S., as far west as Minnesota.

# Preferences

Light: Full sun to partial shade. Water: Moderately drought tolerant. Soil: Adaptable to a wide variety of soils.

### Comments

Excellent to use as fast cover for banks, cuts and fills. This plant develops roots anywhere the stems touch the ground so it could be used to stabilize banks or slightly sloping areas.

If planting becomes overgrown it can easily be rejuvenated with a large mower, brush hog or other mower along with pruning.

'Gro-Low' fragrant sumac- Low wide-spreading habit with excellent glossy foliage.





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Credits: Tree Selector Website, North Dakota Tree Handbook, Manual of Woody Landscape Plants 6th edition.

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