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General

Scientific Name: Rhus trilobata Family: Anacardiaceae (Cashew)

Hardiness: Zone 3 Leaves: Deciduous Plant Type: Shrub

Growth

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

Ornamental

Flowers: Yellow
Fruit: Red and hairy
Fall Color: Yellow

Skunkbush (Lemonade) Sumac

Description

Native to the northern Plains. Spreading shrub, smaller and finer-textured leaves than fragrant sumac. Forms a dense mass of stems and leaves. Scented leaves and light yellow flowers.

Preferences

Light: Full sun to partial shade.

Water: Moderately drought tolerant. Survives the harsh conditions of the ND

Badlands.

Soil: Adaptable to a wide variety of soils.

Comments

Colorful fall color is one of the key characteristics of skunkbush sumac.

It is often used as a bush in landscapes and it forms a handsome mound.

Can also be used along roadsides or in similar locations.

Very similar to R. aromatica, fragrant sumac.







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



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