General

Scientific Name: Rhus glabra Family: Anacardiaceae (Cashew)

Hardiness: Zone 2 Leaves: Deciduous

Plant Type:

Tall shrub or small tree

Growth

Rate: Slow

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

Ornamental

Flowers: Inconspicuous Fruit: Red, hairy drupe Fall Color: Red

Smooth Sumac

Description

A large, loose, open-spreading native shrub with a flattish crown. Usually grows in masses and suckers profusely. Outstanding red fall color. Similar to staghorn sumac but shorter.

Preferences

Light: Full sun to partial shade.

Water: Moderately drought tolerant. Water availability determines mature

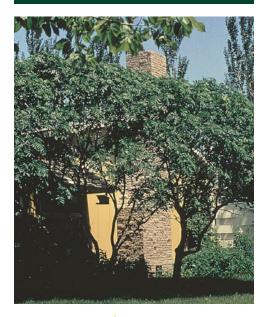
plant height.

Soil: Adaptable to a wide variety of soils.

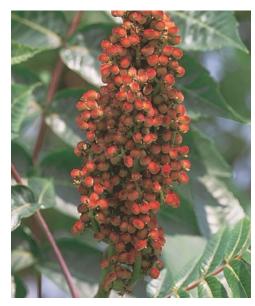
Comments

Best when used in masses to stabilize embankments or for hard-to-cover areas with poor soil. Has nice ornamental characteristics but may be too weedy for most locations.

There are some varieties available in the nursery industry including: 'Lanciniata' – Has leaflets which are deeply cut and lobed. A female variety which produces bright red fruits.







Credits: Tree Selector Website, North Dakota Tree Handbook

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