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# North Dakota Tree Selector

## 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.

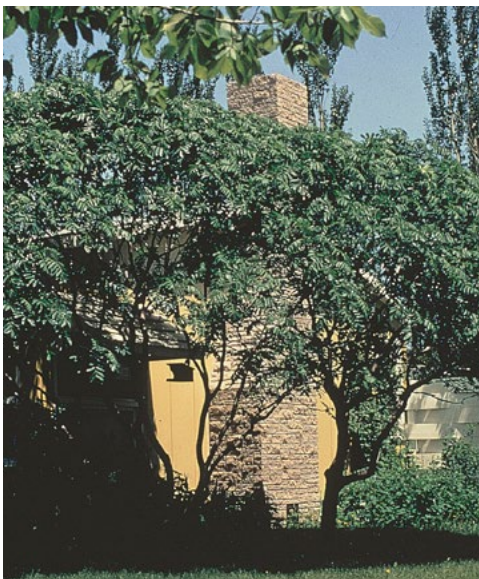
**Soil:** Adaptable to a wide variety of soils.

### 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