



STAGHORN SUMAC

(*Rhus typhina*)



Soil Type: No preference

Moisture: Moist-dry

Drainage Requirements:

No preference, but cannot tolerate standing water

Sun/Shade: Partial-full

Maximum Height:

10-20 ft (6-9m)

Max Width/Spread:

25 ft (7.5m)

Flowers: Red

Fruit: Late summer early fall

Human Edible Fruit?:

Yes, but have "singly, lemon taste"

Fun Fact: Sumacs are excellent for planting along slopes or in reforestation projects where growing conditions are difficult. Their wide spreading roots bind to the soil and contribute carbon to help rebuild the soil in the area. Sumacs will self-propagate into thickets, making them great shrubs for privacy if planted along property boundaries. Birds also love sumacs for their ability to provide both shelter and food.

This shrub makes a great addition to a pollinator garden as butterflies and bees use this plant for food. If left alone with ample room to grow, this shrub will develop a single-dome canopy similar to the shape of other shade trees.

Suitable For: Difficult growing conditions; anyone looking for a privacy hedge; hillsides, roadways

Not Suitable For: Anyone who does not want a spreading shrub as this one is self-propagating.

Maintenance Level:

Low, tolerates pruning.

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