



Fragrant Sumac

Rhus aromatica

Growing Information

- Sunlight: Full Sun, Partial
- Soils: Medium to dry
- Bloom Time: June, July
- Size: 2-6ft tall; spread 6-10ft

Good fast growing ground cover for banks and slopes. Can be massed or used in wind breaks. It suckers and roots where stems touch the ground and forms a dense stand. The straight species is usually tall and leggy in a garden setting, but the cultivar 'Gro-Low' is useful as a landscape plant for ground cover and stays no higher than three feet. Like all sumacs, it is dioecious, and fruit will only appear on female plants.

Garden Companions

Sweetfern (*Comptonia peregrina*), Little Bluestem Grass (*Schizachyrium scoparium*), Oakleaf Hydrangea (*Hydrangea quercifolia*), Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida*)

Nature Benefits

- Flowers attract pollinators
- Berries provide food for many birds and mammals
- Provides wild bees nesting materials and structure for their life cycles

Natural Habitat

Occurs in old field, hardwood forest edges, and dry uplands.