



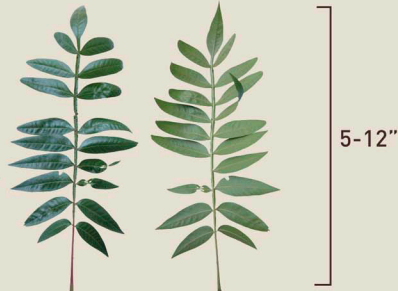
Flowers



Fruit



Height range 20-35'



Winged Sumac

Rhus copallinum

The Sumac Family (Anacardiaceae)

Basic Description: Large, deciduous shrub or small tree, with short, crooked trunk and open branching canopy. Bark smooth and papery, gray with gashes exposing a reddish color beneath. Glossy, dark-green, alternately arranged leaves with 7-17 leaflets turning reddish-purple in the fall.

Interesting Facts: Sour fruit can be nibbled or made into a lemonade-like drink. Bark and leaves rich in tannins used to tan leather and make dyes.

Flower: Many small greenish-yellow male and female flowers appear on the same plant in a tight cluster (a panicle) about 5-7" long in late summer.

Fruit: Bright red drupes (fruit) covered with sticky hairs develop on the panicle in fall and turn black in winter.

Wildlife Value: Attracts many native bees, honey bees and predatory insects. Winter food for many upland game birds such as wild turkey and songbirds; as well as for mammals like deer and rabbits.

Habitat: Well drained bottomland areas.

LEAF TYPE
COMPOUND



POLLINATOR
INSECT



WILDLIFE VALUE
HIGH

