

## **Sumac**

*(Rhus sp.)*

### **Fragrant**

*(R. aromatica)*

Inconspicuous yellow flowers in mid-spring, followed by red berrylike fruits in the fall. Foliage turns yellow and red in fall.

**Zone:** 3

**Light and Soil:** Full sun. Light, well-drained soil.

**Height:** 8'

### **Comments**

Quick growing. Use as a ground cover on hard-to-plant slopes or in foundation plantings. Attractive in fall. Pruning encourages growth.

### **Shining or Dwarf**

*(R. copallina)*

Tiny greenish-yellow flowers on 4- to 5-inch spikes, followed by red hairy berrylike fruits. Foliage is lustrous green, turning scarlet in the fall.

**Zone:** 5

**Light and Soil:** Full sun. Tolerant of most soil types.

**Height:** 20'

### **Comments**

Quick growing. Use as a specimen tree or as a backdrop in a shrub border. Attractive in fall. Pruning will encourage more stems to grow. Plant both sexes to get fruit.

## **Smooth**

*(R. glabra)*

Tiny greenish-yellow flowers on 4- to 8-inch spikes in midsummer, followed by bright red berries. Foliage turns vivid red in the fall. Laciniata variety has lobed leaves.

**Zone:** 2

**Light and Soil:** Full sun. Tolerant of most soil types.

**Height:** 20'

## **Comments**

Quick growing. Use as a background or screen plant. Can become a pest. Plant both sexes to get fruit. Attractive in the fall. Pruning encourages growth.

## **Staghorn**

*(R. typhina)*

Tiny greenish-yellow flowers on 4- to 8-inch spikes in early summer, followed by bright red berries. Foliage turns vivid red in the fall. Dissecta and Laciniata varieties have lobed leaves. Twigs are fuzzy.

**Zone:** 3

**Light and Soil:** Full sun. Tolerant of most soil types.

**Height:** 30'

## **Comments**

Quick growing. Use as a background plant in large yards. Spreads by underground runners and can become pestiferous. Plant both sexes to get fruit. Pruning will encourage more stems to grow.