

# North Dakota Tree Selector

**Scientific Name:** *Rhus trilobata*

**Family:** Anacardiaceae  
(Cashew)

**Hardiness:** Zone 3

**Leaves:** Deciduous

**Plant Type:** Shrub

## Growth

**Rate:** Medium

**Mature Height:** >7'

**Longevity:** Medium

**Power Line:** Yes

## Ornamental

**Flowers:** Yellow

**Fruit:** Red and hairy

**Fall Color:** Yellow

## Skunkbush (Lemonade) Sumac

### Description

Native to the northern Plains. Spreading shrub, smaller and finer-textured leaves than fragrant sumac. Forms a dense mass of stems and leaves. Scented leaves and light yellow flowers.

### Preferences

**Light:** Full sun to partial shade.

**Water:** Moderately drought tolerant. Survives the harsh conditions of the ND Badlands.

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

### Comments

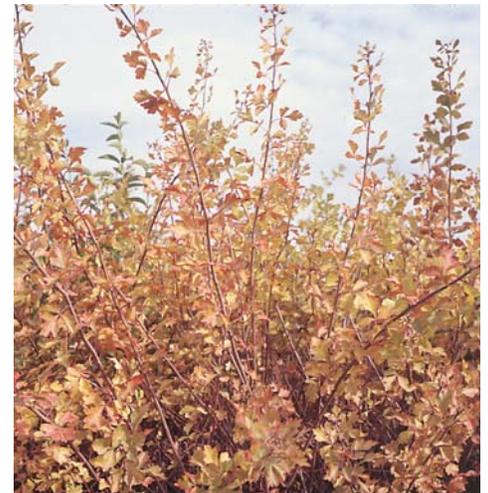
Colorful fall color is one of the key characteristics of skunkbush sumac.

It is often used as a bush in landscapes and it forms a handsome mound.

Can also be used along roadsides or in similar locations.

Very similar to *R. aromatica*, fragrant sumac.

Credits: Tree Selector Website, North Dakota Tree Handbook, Manual of Woody Landscape Plants 6th edition.



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