

North Dakota Tree Selector

Scientific Name: *Rhus glabra*

Family: Anacardiaceae (Cashew)

Hardiness: Zone 2

Leaves: Deciduous

Plant Type:
Tall shrub or small tree

Growth

Rate: Slow

Mature Height: >7'

Longevity: Medium

Power Line: Yes

Ornamental

Flowers: Inconspicuous

Fruit: Red, hairy drupe

Fall Color: Red

Smooth Sumac

Description

A large, loose, open-spreading native shrub with a flattish crown. Usually grows in masses and suckers profusely. Outstanding red fall color. Similar to staghorn sumac but shorter.

Preferences

Light: Full sun to partial shade.

Water: Moderately drought tolerant. Water availability determines mature plant height.

Soil: Adaptable to a wide variety of soils.

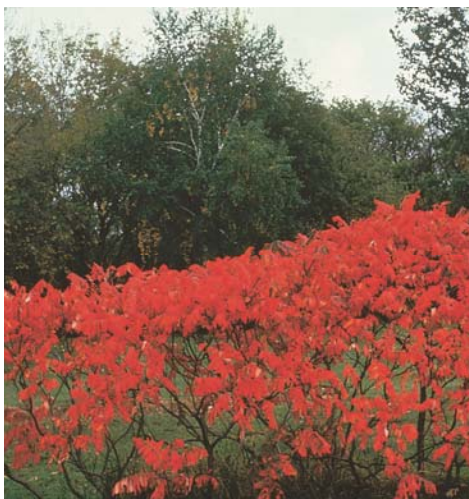
Comments

Best when used in masses to stabilize embankments or for hard-to-cover areas with poor soil. Has nice ornamental characteristics but may be too weedy for most locations.

There are some varieties available in the nursery industry including:

'Lanciniata' - Has leaflets which are deeply cut and lobed. A female variety which produces bright red fruits.

Credits: Tree Selector Website, North Dakota Tree Handbook



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