



Species: *Liquidambar styraciflua*

(lik-wid-am'bar sty-e-ra-si-flu'ah)

American Sweetgum

Cultivar Information

* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Tree > 30 feet

Height: 70' - 100'

Leaves: Deciduous

Shape: pyramidal when young; round with age

Ornamental Other:

Environmental Characteristics

Light: Full sun

Hardy To Zone: 5b

Soil Ph: Can tolerate acid to neutral soil (pH 5.0 to 7.4)

Environmental Other: Best on moist, sunny sites. May show occasional chlorosis on high pH sites.

Insect Disease

relatively pest free

Bare Root Transplanting

Difficult

Other

native to North America (New York to Illinois, south to Florida, Texas and Mexico); northern seed source recommended; can be marginal in zone 5; transplant in spring

Cultivars for *Liquidambar styraciflua*

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Cultivar Name	Notes
Moraine	'Moraine' - most cold hardy; zone 4b, bright red fall color
Rotundiloba	'Rotundiloba' - fruitless; not as hardy - Zone 6
Grandmaster	'Grandmaster' (a.k.a. 'Grazam') - pyramidal selection; grows to 50' tall and wide; glossy green leaves that turn shades of red-purple and orange in fall
Gumball	'Gumball' - dwarf; multi-stemmed shrubby habit to 15' tall with a smaller spread; good fall color
Oconee	'Oconee' - similar to 'Gumball' but with better cold-hardiness
Variiegata	'Variiegata' (a.k.a. 'Aurea', 'Goduzam' [Gold Dust]) - variegated; grows to 60' tall with a narrower spread; foliage mottled with cream areas that intensify as the season progresses; oval-rounded habit; exhibits good cold-hardiness
Silver King	'Silver King' - silver margined leaves
Golden Treasure	'Golden Treasure'- yellow margined leaves.
Emerald Sentinel	'Emerald Sentinel' (a.k.a. 'Clydesform') - grows to 30' tall x 12' wide; narrowly pyramidal to columnar form; yellow orange to orange fall color
Slender Silhouette	Very narrow and tall

Photos



Slender Silhouette



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Liquidambar styraciflua - Bark



Liquidambar styraciflua - Bud



Liquidambar styraciflua - Leaves, Fall Interest



Liquidambar styraciflua - Bark



Liquidambar styraciflua - Leaves, Fall Interest



Liquidambar styraciflua - Habit