



## Species: *Liquidambar styraciflua*

(lik-wid-am'bar stye-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



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