



## Species: *Nyssa sylvatica*

(nis'ah sil-vat'i-kah)

Pepperidge; Sour Gum; Black Gum; Tupelo

### Cultivar Information

\* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

### Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Tree > 30 feet

Height: 40' - 70'

Leaves: Deciduous

Shape: pyramidal

Ornamental Other:

### Environmental Characteristics

Light: Full sun

Hardy To Zone: 5a

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

Salt Tolerance: Tolerates salty soil

### Insect Disease

pest free

### Bare Root Transplanting

Difficult

## Other

native to eastern North America; difficult to transplant - use small sizes, B & B only; slow to recover from transplanting; transplant in spring

Cultivars for *Nyssa sylvatica*

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| Cultivar Name                                   | Notes   |
|---|---|
| var. biflora                                    | var. biflora - particularly adapted to poorly drained garden situations; grows to 50' tall  |
| Autumn Cascades                                 | 'Autumn Cascades' - strongly weeping form; good fall color  |
| Miss Scarlet                                    | 'Miss Scarlet' - particularly lustrous deep green foliage in summer and red in fall; abundant fruit production  |
| Forum   | 'Forum' (a.k.a. 'NXSXF') - pyramidal habit; dense, glossy foliage; good red fall color  |
| Pendula   | 'Pendula' - not as good a form as 'Autumn Cascades'; irregular slightly weeping habit that benefits from training; deep glossy green foliage shows good fall color  |
| Red Red Wine                                    | 'Red Red Wine' (a.k.a. 'Red Wine') - red coloring of the new growth, becomes more subdued with age  |
| Tupelo Tower                                    | 'Tupelo Tower' - very tight, upright habit; lustrous dark green summer foliage turns gorgeous shades of yellow and orange in early fall; grows to 40' tall x 20' wide                                       |
| Zydeco Twist                                    | 'Zydeco Twist' - contorted, zig-zagging branches; wet site and salt tolerant; grow to 20' tall x 15' wide   |
| Afterburner                                     | 'Afterburner' (a.k.a. 'David Odom') - grows to 35' tall x 20' wide; upright pyramidal to oval habit; symmetrical, uniform branch structure and straight central leader; glossy, persistent red fall foliage |
| Gum Drop  | 'Gum Drop' - grows to 30' tall x 20' wide; upright oval form; dark green, glossy foliage, turns bright red in fall; seedless; improved density and slightly compact form                                    |
| Red Rage  | 'Red Rage' (a.k.a. 'Haymanred') - grows to 35' tall x 20' wide; broadly pyramidal form; deep green, high gloss summer foliage that resists leaf spot, then bright red with the onset of fall weather        |
| Nyssa Sylvatica 'JFS-Red' trademark Firestarter | Narrower than the species with excellent strong central leader. Height estimated at 35' x 18' wide. Earlier to turn red than the species. Up sweeping branches giving a neat appearance. Seedless.          |

## Photos



*Nyssa sylvatica* - Bark



*Nyssa sylvatica* - Habit, Fall Interest



*Nyssa sylvatica* - Fruit



*Nyssa sylvatica* - Leaves



*Nyssa sylvatica* - Leaves



*Nyssa sylvatica* - Habit



*Nyssa sylvatica* - Habit, Fall Interest



*Nyssa sylvatica* - Leaves, Petioles



*Nyssa sylvatica* - Leaves, Fall Interest