



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