

Black Gum or Tupelo (*Nyssa sylvatica*)

TREE APPEARANCE

Type: deciduous

Form: pyramidal in youth; globular at maturity

Mature height: 30 - 70 feet

Spread: 25 - 35 feet

Flowers: insignificant

Fall color: brilliant red; some trees change from yellow to orange to scarlet to purple

Fruit: small, dark blue; attractive to birds

Growth rate: slow to moderate

CULTURE

Soil: moist to dry soils; withstands drought and extended flooding

Light: full sun to part shade

NOTES

Excellent specimen tree with outstanding summer and fall foliage; one of the best native trees for fall color; high wildlife value; lifespan is 250 - 600 years.



Spectacular Fall Color



Small Fruit for Birds



Dark Green Glossy Leaves