

Ogeechee Tupelo

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Discovered along the Ogeechee River in Georgia, Ogeechee Tupelo (also known as Ogeechee-Lime), is a lovely native tree with reaches 40'h, is pyramidal when young, maturing to a spreading, flat-topped crown. Multiple, irregular branches emerge from a trunk covered with dark brown or grey, ridged bark; and, the base of the tree often develops swollen buttress-type roots as it gets older. Hanging clusters of small white blooms appear in the spring. 1.5" long showy red fruits on female trees are produced in abundance & ripen in autumn. The juice can be used as a substitute for limes. The fruit also attracts birds and other wildlife. Brilliant fall color ranging from vivid yellow to deep purple. Grows in full to partial sun. Tolerates clay, loam, sand and extended periods of flooding, but will also tolerate drought. Tupelo honey is produced when honeybees collect nectar from the blossoms of the white Ogeechee tupelo tree. Need 1 male and 1 female for fruit production.