

SWEET GUM

Liquidambar styraciflua



Ohio Department of Natural Resources Tree Index

Mature Height	50-75 Feet	Soil Type	Acidic
Mature Spread	40-65 Feet	Flower Color	Inconspicuous
Mature Form	Ovate	Foliage Color	Glossy Green
Growth Rate	Moderate	Fall Color	Yellow to Red
Sun Exposure	Full Sun	Zones	5-9
Soil Moisture	Moist		

The Sweet Gum, *Liquidambar styraciflua*, is a good choice for a lawn where ample space is available. This tree is popular for its bright colors in autumn (yellows, reds, and purples) and its symmetrical crown when young. The Sweet Gum's seed pods are spiny balls that fall to the ground and persist.

Although the Sweet Gum prefers moist, well-drained soils, it will tolerate both drier sites and flooding. It will not, however, tolerate shade. The Sweet Gum's roots are shallow but wide spreading, which makes transplanting difficult.



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