

# *Liquidambar styraciflua* L.

## Sweetgum



### Sources:

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### The Hamamelidaceae Family

Sweetgum is adaptable to many locations and is used by landscapers because of its fast growth and its ability create a windbreak. It's mature height reaches 100 feet.

**Habitat:** Sweetgum can be found in bottomland areas where there is rich, moist soil. It prefers locations where its root system is not limited.

**Interesting Facts:** This wood is used in cabinetry making, provides pulp and lumber.

**Fruit:** The fruit is a 'gum ball' measuring 1.0-1.5 inches in diameter.

**Flower:** The flower is monoecious; unisexual; in headlike clusters.

**Wildlife value:** The seeds are eaten by birds, quail and squirrels.