



RHUS TRILOBATA THREE LEAF SUMAC

This durable, long-lived native shrub has high ornamental value. During the warm season its lush green foliage and rounded form make it a terrific background shrub. In the fall months the foliage provides a splash of color, and the orange-red berries add another element of interest. Its native range extends across the western U.S., Canada, and south into Mexico, occurring at elevations from 3000 to 10,000 feet. Plants located at lower, drier elevations are smaller than those in northern stands. The leaves are made up of three lobed, dark green leaflets that range in color from yellow to orange to red in the fall months. In the spring, dense clusters of tiny yellow flowers appear before the new leaves. To the birds' delight, fleshy orange-red fruit are produced in the early summer. These ripe berries taste like tart lemons, and are high in vitamin C. Plant in full sun to part shade locations, in a soil with good drainage. This sumac has many potential uses: as a natural hedge and screen, for wildlife food and habitat, and for erosion control.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY

SIZE (H X W)	3-5 feet x 8-10 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Yellow
FLOWER SEASON	Spring
EXPOSURE	Full Sun to Part Shade
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Fast
HARDINESS	-40° F, USDA Zone 3
PRUNING	To Thin or Shape



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