

Liquidambar styraciflua 'Burgundy'

('Burgundy' Sweetgum)

Liquidambar styraciflua 'Burgundy' is native to America. For it to survive it needs full to partial sunlight, moderate amount of water and a slightly alkaline environment, with clay, loam or sandy soils. Fruit attracts birds. This cultivar of Sweetgum grows in a narrow pyramid. It has beautiful glossy, star-shaped leaves that turn bright red-purple in the fall. Also, its bark becomes deeply ridged at about 25-years-old.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Copalme d'Amérique

Arabic Name: شیرین‌ژد آمریکایی

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: North America

Heat Zones: 7, 8, 9, 10

Hardiness Zones: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

Uses: Specimen, Pollution Tolerant / Urban

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Pyramidal

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: 15 to 23 m

Spread at Maturity: Over 15 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 20 to 50 Years

Notes

Be careful when locating Sweetgum as a street tree since its large, aggressive roots may lift curbs and sidewalks

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Palmate

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 10 - 20

Leaf Shape: Star

Leaf Margins: Lobate, Serrate

Leaf Textures: Coarse

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Red, Purple

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Flower Color: Green, Yellow

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy, Fissured

Fruit

Fruit Type: Follicle

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 3 - 7

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Fall, Winter

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: Yes

Surface Rooting: Yes

Life Span: 25-50 years

Diseases: Leaf Spots, Canker

Edible Parts:

Pests: Caterpillars, Scales, Leaf Miner

Plant Propagations: Cutting

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