

Sweet Gum

Liquidambar styraciflua

- **Deciduous shade tree**
- **Native Range: Eastern United States, Missouri**
- **Seems to tolerate a wide variety of soils**
- **Height: 60 to 80 feet tall**
- **Spread: 40 to 60 feet**
- **Likes full sun**
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- **Blooms April to May; yellow-green**
- **Flowers give way to the infamous dark brown gum balls - hard, spherical, bristly fruiting. Fruit litter can be a problem**

- **Glossy, long-stalked, deep green star-shaped leaves; red, orange in fall**

- **Bark is ridged, gray to brown**

- **No serious insect or disease problems. Tolerates: Rabbit, Deer, Clay Soil, Black Walnut**

- **Excellent shade tree. Plant where there is room to grow**

