

Gro-Low Fragrant Sumac

Rhus aromatica 'Gro-Low' (Family *Anacardiaceae*)

Description: U.S. Native shrub. Fragrant sumac is a low-growing shrub that can effectively be used for filling large, difficult areas in the landscape. As its name suggests, the foliage is fragrant when crushed.

Hardiness: USDA hardiness zones 3 to 9

Natural Habitat: Canada and the United States

Mature Size: Height: 1' to 2', Spread: 6' to 10'

Form (Shape): Low, spreading shrub

Growth Rate: Moderate to slow

Foliage: Deciduous Foliage is a glossy, blue-green in the summer. Fall color is a brilliant orange red.

Texture: Medium Foliage Texture

Flowers: Flowers are yellow but are insignificant. Blooms mid to late April.

Fruit: Fuzzy, Red, hairy fruit (drupe) that can be showy and ornamental

Light: Full sun to part shade

Soil: Prefers acidic, well-drained soil, but is very adaptable and drought tolerant. Can tolerate erosion, clay soils, and shallow rocky soils.

Propagation: Seed or softwood cuttings

Failure Patterns: Failure is uncommon.

Insects and Diseases: No serious pests or diseases. Can tolerate rabbit damage.

Landscape Use: Fragrant sumac is effective as a filler or groundcover and will even grow in difficult environments such as parking lots. Very useful on sloped areas, as its roots can help stabilize the soil.

Availability: Available in many garden centers across the Midwest.