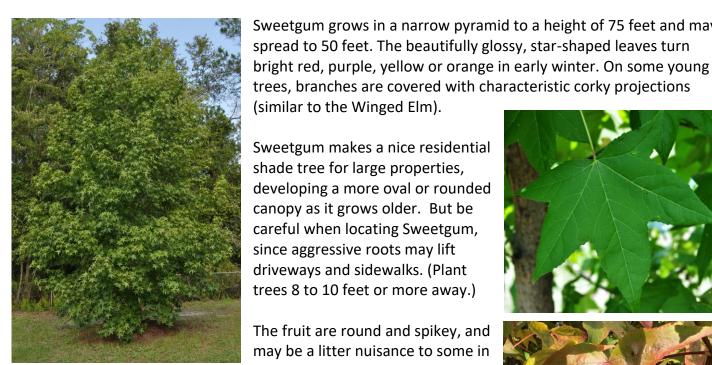


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Sweetgum (Liquidambar styraciflua)

Sweetgum grows in a narrow pyramid to a height of 75 feet and may



Sweetgum makes a nice residential shade tree for large properties, developing a more oval or rounded canopy as it grows older. But be careful when locating Sweetgum, since aggressive roots may lift driveways and sidewalks. (Plant trees 8 to 10 feet or more away.)

The fruit are round and spikey, and may be a litter nuisance to some in the fall. The seeds provide food for wildlife, but the cultivar 'Rotundiloba' is fruitless.

Sweetgum grows well in full sun to partial shade, is rarely attacked by pests, and tolerates wet soils, but yellowing is often seen in alkaline (high pH) soils.





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