

Nyssa sylvatica

Black Tupelo, Blackgum

Zone: 4-9

Height: 30'-50'

Width: 20'-30'

Crown: Oval to pyramidal

Growth Rate: Slow

Flower: Insignificant, fragrant

Fall Color: Red, orange, purple

Fruit: Blake drupe, bird food

Soil: Clay, loam, sand

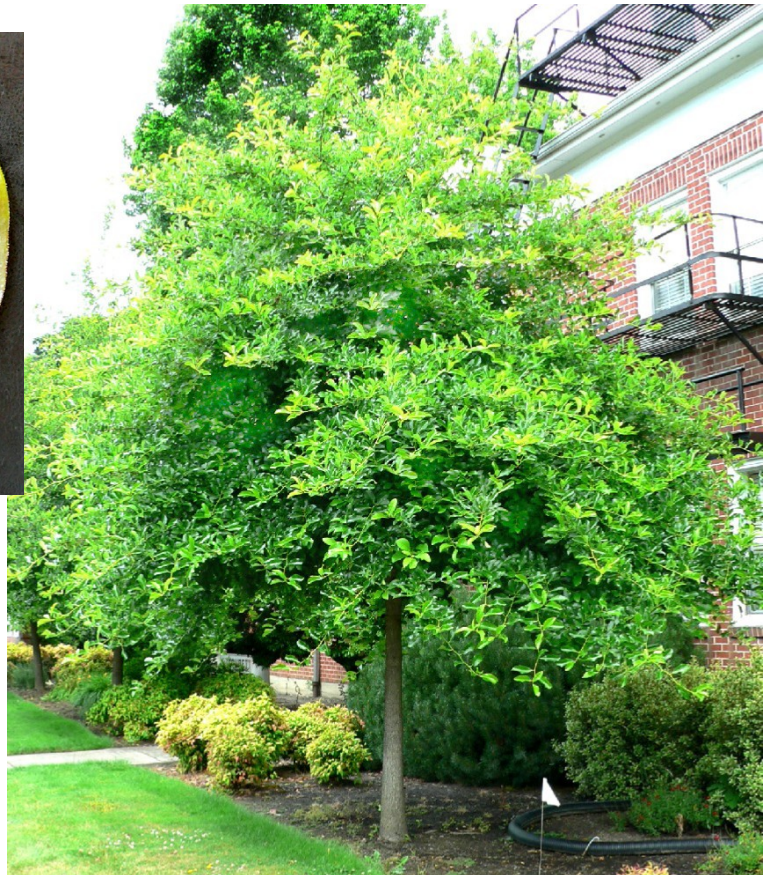
pH: Acid

Drainage: Likes water

Drought: High tolerance

Roots: Not a problem

Verticillium: Susceptible



This member of the Dogwood Family is famous in the south for the honey bees produce from it's nectar. Found generally in wet, acid soils, it can grow to 100' tall. In spring the inconspicuous white flower has an powerful sweet fragrance. Growing Nyssa can be difficult. It tends to push lots of horizontal lateral limbs and not push the leader. The grower should thin these laterals out. The leader may have to be staked. Our Nyssa are container grown. We are working to increase our numbers of a new upright variety of Nyssa: 'Wildfire'. The new growth of this tree is bright red. It will be a tree people will ask for. We offer Nyssa sylvatica in #3 Grow Ready™ liners.