

Oxydendrum arboretum

SourWood

Zone: 5-9

Height: 25'

Width: 20'



Crown: Oval to pyramidal
Growth Rate: Slow
Leaves: Oblong, pointed
Fall color: Orange/red
Seed pods: White
Light: Full sun, part shade
Soil: Clay, loam, sand
pH: Acid
Drought: Moderate
Pollution: Sensitive



In landscapes, this tree will grow to 25', but in native forests, it may reach 60' tall. This is a luscious plant with year around interest. In spring the new foliage is bright shiny green. In Mid summer white flowers appear, becoming green seed pods. In fall they turn pure white with scarlet leaves as a backdrop. The leaves hang on bright red into winter. Wow! This tree does well as long as soil is not alkaline and it receives some summer water. Oxydendrum transplants poorly bare root so Robinson offers it in #3 Grow Ready™ liners.

