

## Liquidambar styraciflua

## Sweetgum

Zone: 5-9

Height: 50'

Width: 30'

Crown: Pyramidal, rounded  
Growth Rate: Moderate  
Soil: Loam, clay, sand  
pH: Acidic, slightly alkaline  
Drainage: Extended flooding  
Drought: Moderate tolerance  
Breakage: Susceptible to ice & wind  
Light: Part sun to full shade



Liquidambar is a moderately fast grower which tends to have a single central leader. The leaders of young plants tend to die back in winter, and doglegs will result unless straightened out. Leaves are Maple-like, bright green and shiny. Fall color is variable, from yellow to purple and all the colors in between. Some trees have all these colors at the same time. Fruit pods can be messy, so seedless varieties are sought after.. 'Cherokee'<sup>™</sup> and 'Happidaze'<sup>®</sup> are two seedless varieties. Sweetgum prefers deep, loamy slightly acid soil, and will get chlorosis in high pH soils. The tree is susceptible to ice and wind damage. Few if any disease or insect problems effect this tree. Because of the poor transplanting of bare root liners, Robinson Nursery offers this tree in #3 Grow Ready<sup>™</sup> liners.

