

Botanical Name: *Rhus lancea*
Common Name: African Sumac
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TREE



Spring



Summer



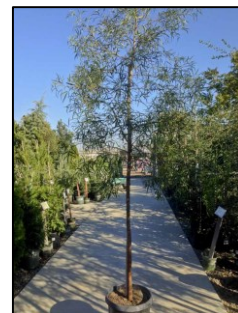
Fall



Winter

Family: Anacardiaceae
Origin: South Africa
Climate Zone: USDA 8-10, Sunset 8, 9, 12-24
Mature Height: 20-30 feet
Mature Width: 25-35 feet
Plant Type: Evergreen
Growth Habit: Weeping, umbrella-shaped canopy
Growth Rate: Fast, 2 feet per year
Flower Color/Details: Small, yellow cups borne on large panicles (long sprays), fragrant
Flower Season: Summer
Bark: Dark brown; fissures reveal orange bark
Fruit: Small yellow fruits
Foliage: Dark green leaflets, each shaped like a lance, grouped three together called trifoliate
Use: Screen, windbreak, shade tree, street tree
Floral: Filler
Wildlife/Beneficials: Fruits feed wild birds
Deer Resistant: Yes
Fire Resistant: Yes
Medicinal Uses/Edible: Unknown
Adverse Factors: Messy, dropping leaves, flowers, and berries year-round. Pollen may be allergenic. Invasive in Arizona

Soil: Adaptable, with good drainage
Exposure: Full sun to part shade
Water Requirements: Low; drought-tolerant
WUCOLS Water Needs: L L L L M M
UC Davis Arboretum All-Star: No
Description: Graceful with arching branches and weeping foliage. Tough, reliable, and long-lived. Also known as *Searsia lancea*.
Maintenance: Susceptible to root-rotting fungal infections and basal suckers, if planted too low, with poor drainage, or overwatered. Thin anytime to shape, remove basal suckers. Relatively pest free. Do not fertilize.



#15 Nursery Container