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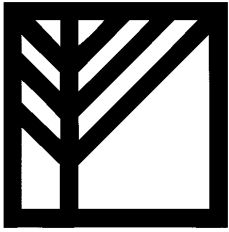
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Botanical Name

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Common Name

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Family

Anacardiaceae

Origin

Selected from the collections of The Morton Arboretum of Lisle, Illinois, from seed collected in Iroquois County Conservation Area, near the Illinois/Indiana border.

Hardiness

U.S.D.A. Zones 5-7

General Description and Habit

A deciduous multi-stemmed shrub with a refined, compact habit making it much smaller than the species. Prairie Flame has extremely glossy, attractive foliage, creamy-white blooms in late July and striking deep red fall color. This compact sumac can be grown in a wide variety of soils and landscape conditions. It is very drought-tolerant and grows best in full sun.

Size

Measures 7' in height with a 10' spread after 15 years of growth.

Growth Rate

Medium

Ornamental Characteristics

Prairie Flame is an excellent colonizing plant. Plant it in front of evergreens to maximize its glorious fall color. This selection is fruitless and thrives as a companion for native or naturalized plantings. It is also useful for soil stabilization on slopes.

Culture

Our selection of Shining Sumac tolerates very poor soil conditions. It has shown excellent adaptability to a broad range of soil types and landscape applications. Plants prefer full sun for maximum bloom production and dependable fall color.

Pest and Disease Problems

Excellent overall. Has shown slight susceptibility to verticillium wilt and powdery mildew in evaluations.

Landscape Value

A superior selection for massing and naturalized plantings. Planted as a specimen or en masse, this sumac will provide a colorful display from late spring with its extremely glossy foliage through a full frost with its dependable, fire-engine red fall color. Also useful for slopes, open areas and road-side plantings.

Propagation

Vegetative and root cuttings.

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The Chicagoland Grows® Plant Introduction program is dedicated to the evaluation, selection, production and marketing of recommended and new plant cultivars. Plants selected for the program have proven to be adaptable to the Midwest and are made available to the commercial and retail landscape industry through an international network of growers and propagators.

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