

Smooth Sumac

This native shrub is great for disturbed sites and poor dry soils. It

has a suckering tendency and

needs room to roam. Sumac has

a high wildlife value. More than

50 species of birds depend on

the fruit for winter feeding. The

flowers are an important nectar

source for bees and butterflies.

Sumac is a larval host for the Red

Banded Hairstreak. The fruit is

edible and can be utilized to

make a refreshing beverage. This

plant also has many medicinal

qualities. Different parts of the

plant can be used to make differ-

ent color dyes. Between the

bright red fruit and great fall

color this shrub has a lot of fall

and winter interest.



Rhus glabra

- Hardiness: Zone 4-8
- Size: 10-15'
- Habit: Deciduous suckering shrub
- Fruit: Scarlet, late August through April
- Culture: Prefers well drained soils. Very adaptable except wet soils. Full Sun
- Uses: Massing, naturalizing, waste areas, bank cuts and fills, pioneer plant, fall and winter interest, wildlife, birds, butterflies, nectar source, edible, medicinal, erosion control, flower arrangements, dye.

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