



Botanical name:	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> L. (lick wid AM bar sty rass ih FLOO uh)
Common Name(s):	Sweetgum
Height:	100'
Form, branches, twigs:	This deciduous hardwood's bark has broken ridges
Fruit/Seed:	Flowers bloom in May (Males round heads on 2-3" spikes, Females ½" across, solitary or in pairs. Fruits are 1 ½" across, stemmed spiny balls)
Leaves:	Dark green star-shaped leaves with lighter venation. Fall colors: purple, red, or orange
Habitat:	Full sun, nutrient rich, slightly acidic soil, prefers edges of streams

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