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## Fragrant Sumac (*Rhus aromatica*) 1+0

### Type

Deciduous shrub

### Size and Shape

This shrub can grow 3 feet in height and spread 3 feet. (low lying shrub)

### Edible Species?

No.

### Wildlife

Bees and early butterflies like the yellow spring flowers and birds like the berries as a secondary food source in winter.

### Soil Preference

Prefer well drained soil, moist, sandy soil.

### Other Notes

Fragrant sumac is a low growing shrub forming a thick, dense mass of stems. Use as a ground cover, in mass, and an excellent shrub for stabilizing banks and slopes. The glossy, blue-green leaves emit a lemon scent when crushed, and turn a mixture of red, burgundy, purple color in the fall.



*Fragrant Sumac*

### Light Exposure

While it prefers full sun, it can also handle partial shade.

### Drought Conditions

Occasional drought tolerant

### Poor Drainage

Not tolerant

### Salt Tolerance

Moderately tolerant.

### Disease, Pests and Problems

Reported to have very few predators.

### Rural Uses

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### Urban Uses

Fragrant Sumac can take drought, poor soil, shade (though colours better in sun). Fragrant sumac is a useful groundcover for tough area.