

BLACKGUM
(*Nyssa sylvatica*)



Blackgums are suitable for medium areas. Their leaves are dark green and extremely glossy in summer. In fall, foliage ranges from shades of yellow, orange, bright red, purple, and scarlet, all of which could appear on a single branch. The bark resembles medium-gray alligator hide once it reaches its mature state. The bluish-black fruit produced by the Blackgum is a favorite among many species of bird. The Blackgum exhibits a slow to moderate growth rate, and prefers well-drained, acidic soils, as well as partial shade to full sun. The tree grows to a height of 30'-50' on average, with a canopy width of usually no more than 30'.