

Liquidamber styraciflua (Liquidamber, Sweetgum)

- Origin:** East and South USA.
- Habit:** Large deciduous tree. Distinct pyramidal shape when young maturing to an oblong to rounded crown. Moderate growth rate, mature dimensions between 20-25m high x 10-15m wide.
- Description:** Glossy deep green, lobed leaves turn vivid yellow-purple-burgandy red in autumn. Bark is a greyish-brown, becoming deeply, but narrowly (vertically) furrowed with age. Fruit a dry "spiked" ball with variable persistence.
- Tolerances:** Adapts to most soils and conditions. High tolerance to waterlogging.
- Notes:** Great variety in autumn colours between individual trees. Fruit can cause a litter problem. Aggressive root system should restrict its use to large sites large site. Varieties are available
- Root space:** Based on mature size tree would require approximately 177m² area or 106m³ root volume (Crown projection method).
- Availability:** Common, container to advanced.



Photo taken from bh&g.com



- Ref:** Dirr, M. A., 1990, *Manual of woody landscape plants*, Stipes Publishing Company, U.S.A.