

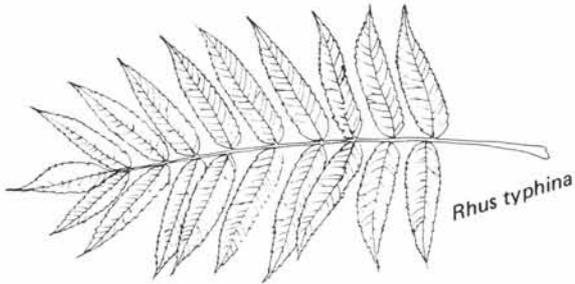
# Leaves, Limbs, Needles and Boughs

by Fred D. Opperman

This month's selection is one that we all look forward to in the fall for its spectacular colors of orange, yellows and scarlets.

*Rhus typhina* (roos ti-fi'na) — Staghorn Sumac

Leaves: Alternate, compound, pinnate, 13 to 27 leaflets, often 19, entire leaf 1 to 2 inches long, each leaflet lance-oblong 2 to 5 inches long and 1 to 2 inches wide. Glauous beneath, pubescent when young; petiole about 2" long and hairy.



Buds: Hairy, leaf scars not elevated and somewhat "C" shaped.

Stem: Stout, rounded, densely velvety hairy, concealing the lenticels, almost club-like; pith large yellowish white, aromatic when broken.

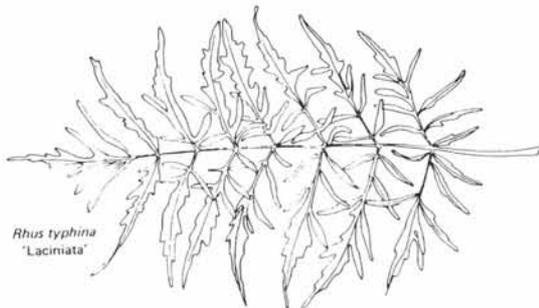


Size: 15 to 25' in a landscape situation, spread is usually equal to its height or greater.

Leaf Color: Bright green in summer and changing to the yellows, oranges and scarlets of fall.

Fruit: Crimson, late August through April, densely hairy drupe, closely packed in a pyramidal panicle.

Cultivars: "Dissecta" — Similar to "Laciniata", but leaflets more deeply divided; a fine textured ferny appearance.



Culture: Is easily transplanted, adapted to many soil types, but like so many of our plants, it prefers a well drained soil. Tolerates dry sterile soil, suckers profusely. This is a plant to be used in masses and naturalizing in out of the way areas.

Credit: "Manual of Woody Landscape Plants"

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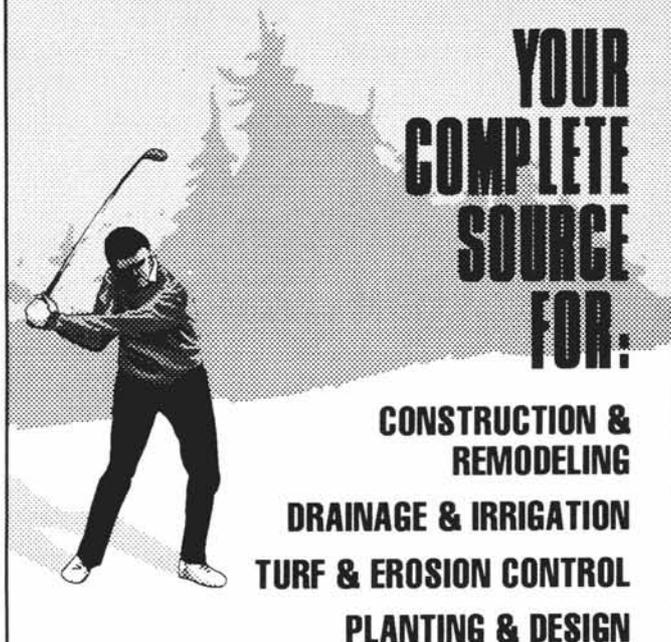
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