

Monoecious flowers; 1. Male flowers are small and lack petals. They are grouped in heads on a raceme. 2. Female flowers also small and lacking petals; held in a pendulous head.



Leaves simple and alternate; 5 to 7 lobes, giving a star-like shape; resinous odor when crushed.



*Liquidambar styraciflua*

Sweetgum (page 1 of 2)

Fruit is a round cluster of capsules, which open at maturity (left: summer. Right: winter)



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The terminal bud is imbricate, shiny, red-brown. The leaf scar (inset) with three U-shaped bundle scars.



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The mature form of the tree is pyramidal to oval. Height: 60 to 75 feet.



Mature bark is ridged, with somewhat scaly furrows.



Fall color is variable and can be mixes of yellow, red and purple.

