

American Smoketree

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Top: Fall color
Left : Summer leaves

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Family: Anacardiaceae

Stem & Leaf Type: deciduous tree

Size: 20-30' tall x 15-25' wide

USDA Hardiness Zones: 4-8

Leaves : alternate, entire, obovate leaves with a rounded apex

Leaf Color: dark green to bluish green

Fall Color: red, orange, yellow, and purplish

Flower Time: May-June

Flower Color: yellowish-green

Fruit: small drupe

Light: full sun-part sun

Moisture: well-drained

Insect/Disease Issues: none significant, rusts and leaf spot are uncommon

Nativity: southern United States

Location in the Gardens:

Town & Country Front Yard Garden

Culture & Landscape Value: A small, rounded tree with excellent, reliable fall color. The flowers are held on thin, pale stalks in panicles which give the plant its common name. The panicle changes from white to a smoky pink after flowers fall, providing an extended season of interest.

Notes:

This plant was used during the American Civil War for yellow and orange dye



Months of Interest:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec