

Nyssa sylvatica

Black gum



Summer Foliage



Spring Flower



Fall Seed

Characteristics: Broad-leaved, deciduous tree

Appearance:

Height - 50 to 75 ft.

Aerial Spread - 35 to 50 ft.

Flower Color - Greenish white

Flowering Period - Late May through early June

Fruit Color - Blue

Fruiting Period - Early September through mid October

Habitat (Community): Forested seasonal wetlands, moist upland woods, and dry woods

Hydrology:

Indicator status - Facultative

Salinity - Resistant; tolerates infrequent flooding by water containing some salt

Non-Tidal Regime - Seasonally inundated or saturated

Wildlife Benefits: (Fruit) food for wood duck, common flicker, cedar waxwing, summer tanager, common flicker, red-headed and pileated woodpecker, wood thrush, and American robin

Distribution: Maine to southern Ontario, south to Florida and Texas