

Common Sassafras

Sassafras albidum

Category: Deciduous

Growth Rate: Medium

Adaptability: Partial shade to full sun

Shape: Shrubby in youth, matures to a dense, pyramidal tree

Size: 30-60' tall, 25-40' wide

Fall Color: Excellent yellow, purple and red fall color

Description: Attractive, greenish-yellow flowers appear in clusters at the branch ends in spring. Flowers on female trees (if pollinated) give way to small pendant clusters of bluish-black berries. Tolerant of deer, drought and clay soils. To Native Americans, sassafras oils were freely used in medicinal tonics.

