

Sassafras variifolium - Plant



Sassafras albidum

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Description Easily grown in average, medium, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. Prefers moist, acidic, loamy soils. Tolerates dry, sandy soils. Large taproot makes transplanting of established trees difficult.

Common name: Sassafras albidum

Color: Green

Bloom time: April to May

Height: 30.00 to 60.00 feet

Difficulty level: difficult

Planting & Care

Sassafras is native to the eastern United States. For current distribution, please consult the Plant Profile page for this species his plant is a pioneer tree on disturbed sites in its native range. It is adapted to various soils with low pH. It can be found in woodlands, fields and along roadsides.

Sunlight: Full sun to part shade

Soil: well-drained soil

Water: Medium

Temperature: 13° C (55° F)

Fertilizer: Apply any organic fertilizer

Care:

- Sassafras trees are valued for their fragrant spring bloom, interesting horizontal branching pattern, and striking fall color.
 - The small trees are medium to fast growing and work well for landscape use as specimen trees and mass plantings.
 - They are easy to culture and require little care
- Although adapted to dry, sandy soils, they do best in moist, fertile soils in partial to full shade.
- Seeds, root-cuttings or suckers may propagate sassafras trees.
 - Seeds are produced every one or two years after the plant reaches the minimum seed-bearing age of ten years.

- Seeds may be gathered when the fruits turn a dark blue

Special Feature:

Excellent for naturalized plantings or screens where they are given lots of space to colonize. Also can be grown as lawn specimens.

Use

Medicinal use:

- The medicinal uses of sassafras by Native Americans were many.
- Infusions made from the bark of the roots were taken internally as a preventive to ward off fever, as well as a remedy to treat diarrhea, rheumatism, measles, and scarlet fever.

Ornamental use:

- The plant is used for ornamental purpose

Note:

for medicinal use, please consult appropriate doctor before use.

Reference:

<http://www.gardenguides.com/taxonomy/sassafras-sassafras-albidum/>

<http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=i820>