PLANT FACT SHEET

Schmaltzia copallinum (Linn.) Small

GENUS *Schmaltzia* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

COMMON NAMES Dwarf Sumach, Winged sumac

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are used to produce a drink.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It is deciduous. It grows 8 m high. The bark is dark grey and thinly scaly. The leaves are alternate and compound. There are 5-11 leaflets on a winged central stalk. This stalk is 10-20 cm long. The leaflets are shiny above and hairy underneath. The leaflets are 10 cm long by 2 cm wide. In autumn the leaves turn a brilliant clear red. The flowers are small and yellowish in dense cone shaped clusters. The fruit are red and hairy. They occur in large clusters at the ends of branches.

HABITAT

A temperate plant. It is a native of North America. It grows on sandy soils and rocky outcrops. It tolerates heavy alkaline soils. It suits hardiness zones 5-9.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

There are about 200 Rhus species.

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