



PLANT FACT SHEET

Liquidambar orientalis Mill.

GENUS *Liquidambar* **FAMILY** Altingiaceae

COMMON NAMES Asian styrax, Oriental sweet gum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum

The gummy resin is used to flavour chewing gum and baked goods.

DESCRIPTION

A bushy tree that loses its leaves. It grows 10-30 m high and spreads 6-20 m wide. It is often smaller in cultivation. The leaves have 5 lobes and are 7-10 cm across. There are coarse teeth along the edge. The leaves turn yellow and orange in autumn. The flowers are small. The fruit are small and spiny balls.

HABITAT

It is a temperate or Mediterranean plant. Arboretum Tasmania. National Arboretum Canberra. Hobart Botanical Garden.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

The gum can be extracted by cutting the bark. Banging the tree helps gum flow.

NOTES

It is used in medicine.

Also put in the family Hamamelidaceae.

PICTURES



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