

Cultural Information – Rhus
 (roos)

<u>Light:</u>	Full sun; a southern exposure is best.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Most are hardy to zone 5 or even 4.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Humidity is not an issue in outdoor culture.
<u>Watering:</u>	Once established they are quite drought tolerant and are often found growing in thin soil outcroppings.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	The need little if any fertilizer although if speed of growth is desired the will put on more height with a little feed.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Pruning can be done to maintain size but generally little pruning is needed with the exception of trimming back or removing root suckers, unless a colony of plants is desired.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	For the most part, not affected by insects or diseases.
<u>Comments</u>	Sumacs are easily grown shrubs or small trees that have extensive later root systems which send up suckers and thus can form colonies of plants. If a specimen is desired then these need to be removed annually. They are often found growing and thriving in very poor soils that can be droughty. Usually they are midsummer blooming and many varieties have colorful foliage in the fall. Great plants for the honeybees.