



Nyssa sylvatica Black Gum

BOTANICAL NAME
PRONUNCIATION
COMMON NAME
TYPICAL HEIGHT
TYPICAL SPREAD
NATIVE HABITAT
DESCRIPTION

Nyssa sylvatica

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Black Gum

30-50'

20-30'

Maine, Ontario, Michigan to Florida and Texas

The Black Gum is a slow to medium-growing native tree that is pyramidal when young and becomes more spreading and horizontal with age. The bark is dark gray with thick, irregular ridges. The simple leaves are entirely to slightly toothed or wavy and are usually elliptic in shape. Dark green leaves in Summer turn bright yellow, orange, red, and purple in the Fall. Fruits are blue-black drupes that appear in Fall, and are food for birds and wildlife.

FAMILY

Nyssaceae

GENUS

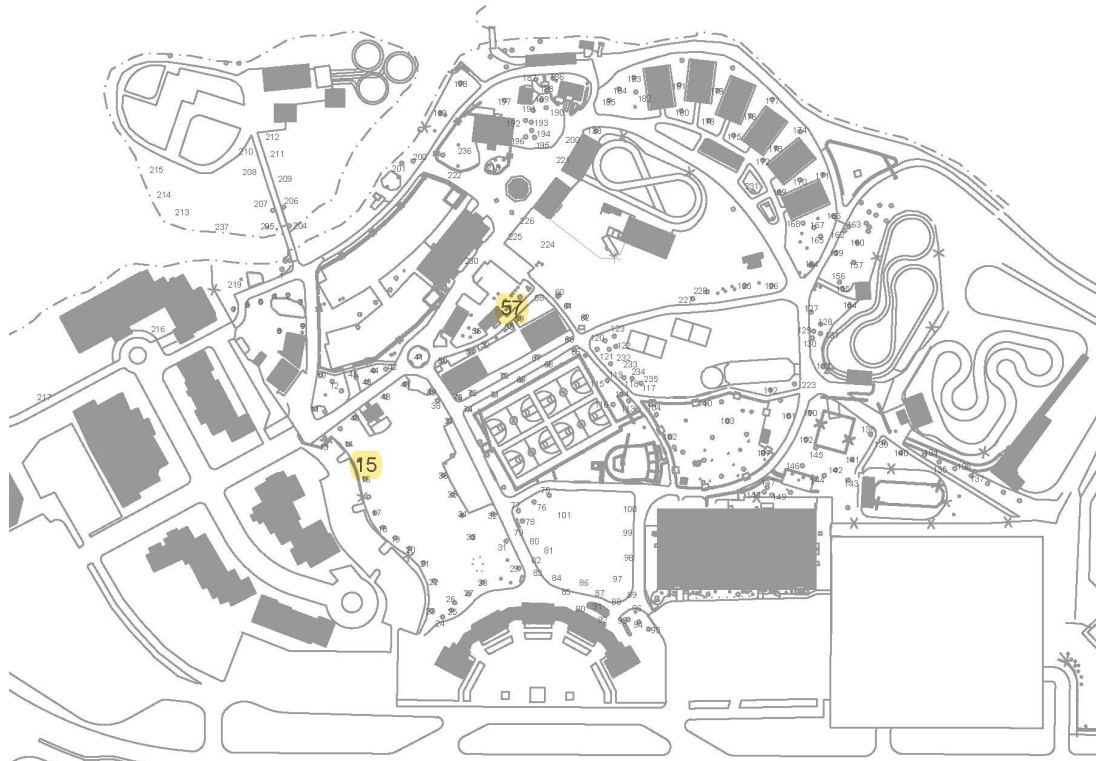
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SPECIES

sylvatica

TREE LOCATIONS

15, 57



Summer Photo



Winter Photo



Leaf Example



Bark Example

