

Rhus typhina Stag's horn sumach



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There are about 200 species of *Rhus* which belong to the Anacardiaceae, commonly known as the sumach family. *Rhus typhina* is a upright, deciduous large shrub or small tree often multi-stemmed with finely-cut dark green leaflets turning spectacular shades of orange-red in autumn and who's colours persist through winter. The plants produce inconspicuous yellow flowers in spring or summer, followed by small spherical red fruits in dense clusters.

The common name of Stag's horn sumach comes about due to the young shoots being densely covered with velvety hairs and the forking pattern of the branches reminiscent of antlers. Be aware the *Rhus typhina* suckers freely and self-seeds, so saplings need to be removed regularly to prevent them becoming a nuisance

Plant Profile

Name:	<i>Rhus typhina</i>
Common Name:	Stag's horn sumach
Family:	Anacardiaceae
Height:	4-8 metres
Width:	4-8 metres
Demands:	Full sunlight preferred to get best Autumn colour, avoid north facing aspects.
Soil:	Sand, clay, chalk and loam are all suitable but it should be moist and well drained.
Foliage:	Deciduous
Flowers:	Conical yellow/green



Rhus typhina in Summer

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Native Americans made a lemonade like drink from the crushed fruits of this and related species.

The dried leaves were also used as an ingredient in smoking mixtures



Rhus typhina (shrub)



Rhus typhina Dissecta



Rhus typhina in Winter



Rhus typhina 2-2.5m multistem