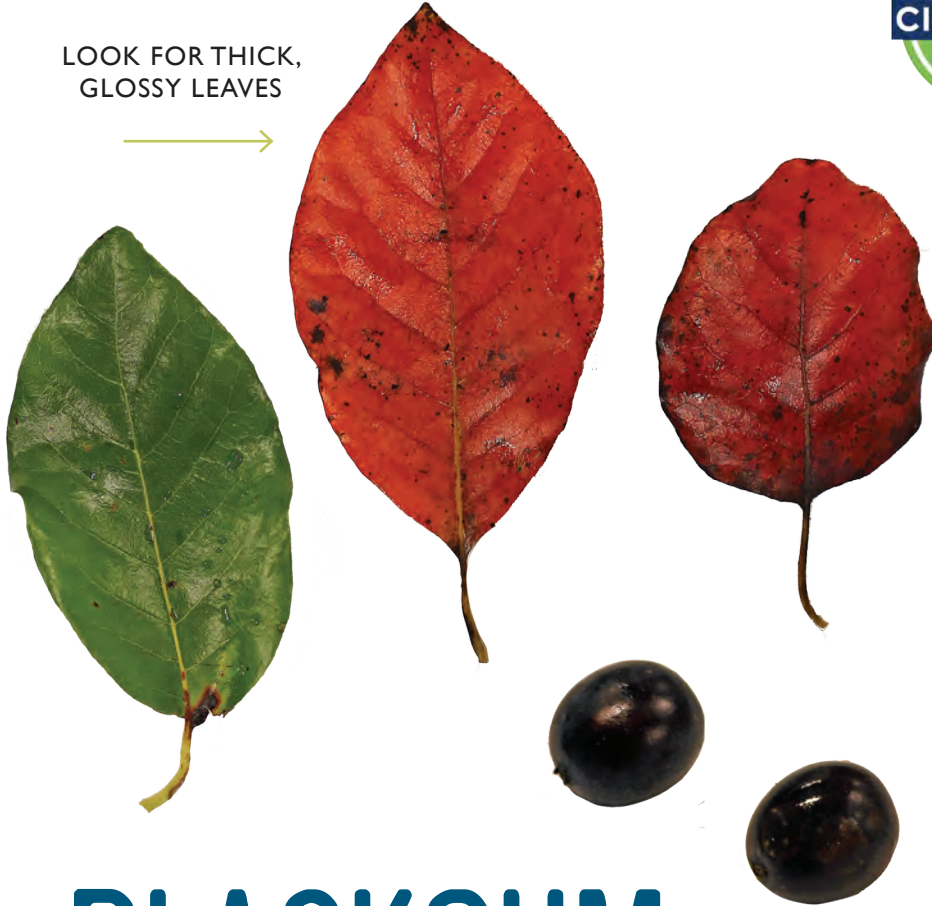




LOOK FOR THICK,
GLOSSY LEAVES



TYPE:

Deciduous



SIZE:

50 feet high
30 feet wide



SUN:

Full to partial
sun



FLOWERS:

Small, greenish-
white flowers



USDA ZONES:

3-9



ID TIPS:

Dark, glossy foliage that
develops beautiful crimson,
purple, yellow or orange
fall color. Bark is thick and
becomes blocky as the tree
matures.



WILDLIFE VALUE:

Flowers are an excellent
source of nectar for bees.



INTERESTING FACT:

The first *Nyssa* species was
a swamp-growing type and
was named in honor of the
mythological Greek water
nymph, Nyssa.

BLACKGUM

NYSSA SYLVATICA

Waxy, dark-green summer foliage changes to scarlet in fall. Grows well on moist or dry sites. Although slow-growing, it needs to be placed in the right spot, as it is difficult to transplant. The tree produces an egg-shaped, blue-black fruit which matures in the fall.

