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Nyssa sylvatica Forum®

I was asked the other day, what was my favorite tree? I replied, don't have one. Oh, just lost an opportunity to make a sale and suggest something new. If I had a do-over my answer would be Nyssa sylvatica Forum, a new cultivar of Black Gum. Bouncing around acquiring a client order, I ran across this tree last week. Looking into its attributes I was surprised that it's traits were highly versatile for our urban planting needs.



With a strong central leader and great pyramidal branching it can reach 40x30' in size. Producing shiny green leaves early season then by fall, turning a stunning red, highlighted by slight yellow veining. This tree likes it's sun but will tolerate shade should it need to. What impressed me the most of all, were these attributes that are almost a prerequisite for our sites these days.

Considered a native but an attractive ornamental, it produces a blue-black fruit fruit coveted by wildlife. If that isn't enough the two most intriguing traits of my new favorite tree are that it will endure an average moist to wet planting site and is salt tolerant which in Michigan is a bonus we all can appreciate. Check them out, might become a favorite go-to in future.



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