



(photos from sharptoptree.com)

'Moraine' Sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*)

Origin: Vegetatively propagated from a tree growing in central IN

Mature Size: Large (>45' tall)

Description: 'Moraine' Sweetgum is a cultivated variety of the native American sweetgum selected for its improved form and hardiness. It has a slow to moderate growth rate (in Michigan), and is tolerant to a wide range of soil conditions. It is upright to oval in youth, becoming somewhat rounded at maturity. Fall color varies from yellow to red or purple. At maturity 'Moraine' sweetgum will produce spiny seed balls that can result in litter under the tree, but it generally produces less seed than typical sweetgums. It is probably the most cold-tolerant sweetgum variety currently available.