

AMERICAN SWEETGUM

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-GROWS TO BE 60-70 FT TALL.

-IN THE FALL, THE LEAVES ON ONE TREE TURN A RAINBOW OF COLORS. ONE TREE CAN DISPLAY RED, PURPLE, ORANGE, AND YELLOW ALL AT ONCE.

-THE FRUIT OF THE TREE IS A SPIKY BROWN BALL WITH A LONG STEM.

-THE TREE ATTRACTS FINCHES, SPARROWS, MOURNING DOVES, CHIPMUNKS, AND SQUIRRELS, WHICH FEED ON THE SEEDS OF THE SPIKY "FRUIT".

-THE TREE WAS ONCE COMMERCIALY POPULAR FOR SOAPS, ADHESIVES, AND PHARMACEUTICALS. TODAY IT IS VALUED FOR ITS WOOD.



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