

# RONNIE'S PICKS: EVERGREEN SUMAC

-NATIVE TEXAS LARGE  
SHRUB/SMALL TREE

-GREAT PRIVACY SCREEN  
HEDGE PLANT, OR STAND  
ALONE TREE

-MOSTLY EVERGREEN  
(LEAVES ARE GREEN  
THROUGH WINTER, THEN  
DROPPED AND REPLACED  
WITHIN ABOUT A WEEK)

-6'-10' T X 8' W AVG.  
GROWTH

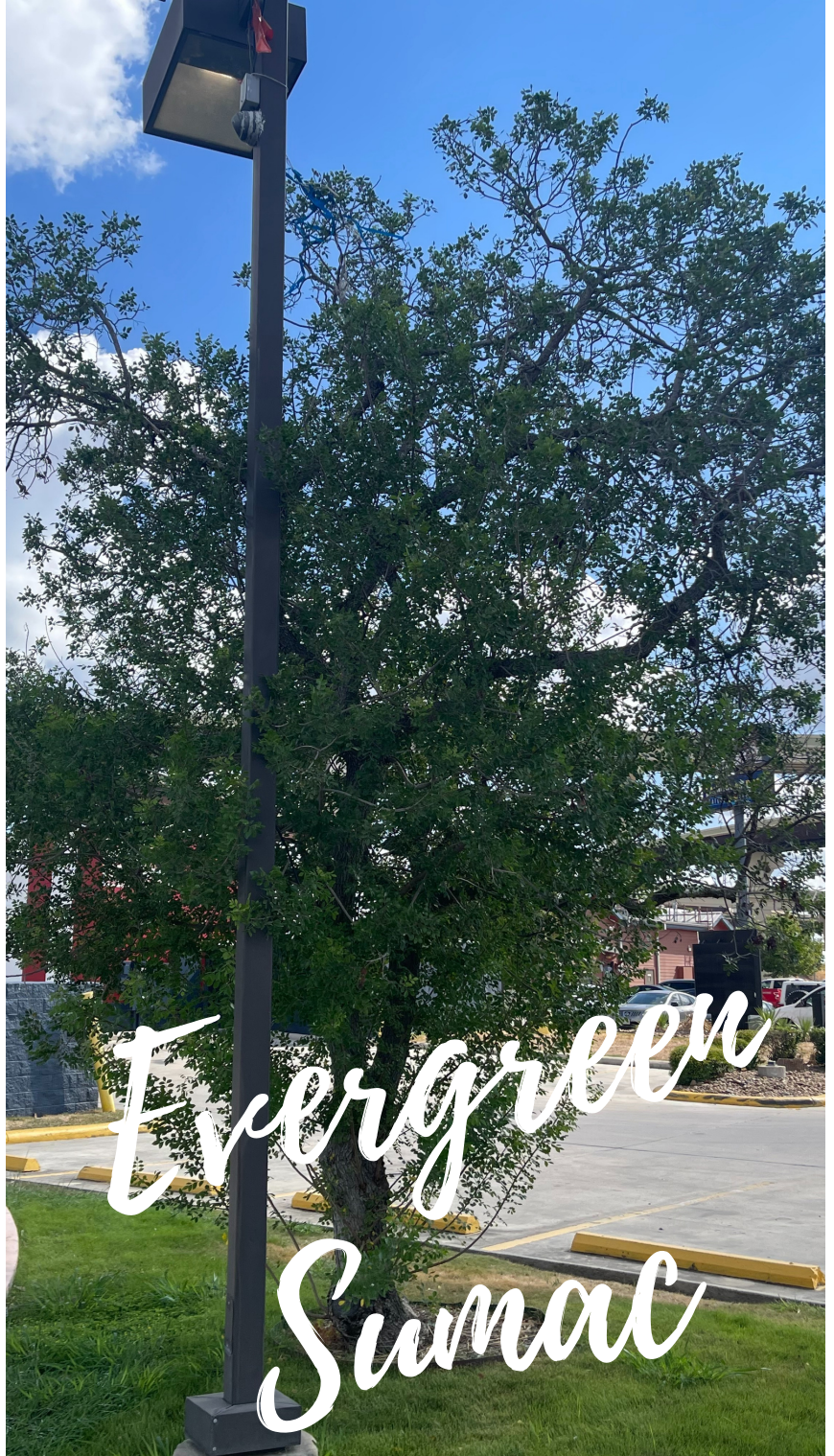
-FULL SUN TO PART SUN

-DROUGHT TOLERANT/HEAT  
TOLERANT/COLD TOLERANT

-FAST GROWING

-GENERALLY PEST AND  
DISEASE FREE

-FEMALES BLOOM WHITE  
FLOWERS SUMMER-FALL,  
FOLLOWED BY FUZZY RED  
DRUPES IN WINTER



**Come Get 'Em While We Got 'Em! Supply is Limited!  
Primarily Stocked at Our Thousand Oaks Location**

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Did this last summer make your Red Tip Photinia privacy screen look like burnt toast? Did the winters of 2020 and 2021 turn your Xylosma screen hedge into bare sticks that never resprouted?

Are you at your wits end on what to plant so you're not looking at your next door neighbor who never closes his drapes?

There is a solution! The solution is Evergreen Sumac, a shrub that is native, mostly evergreen, and is not phased by the recent extremes in our San Antonio weather. Evergreen Sumac can be grown as a single accent shrub, a small tree, and most importantly, a privacy screen hedge.



I have personal experience on this one. Twenty years ago, I came across a gentleman who had planted Evergreen Sumacs as a hedge in Hollywood Park. I remember seeing how nicely it was sheared into a square-cut hedge. I stored it in my memory bank and forgot about it until 2019 when I needed a new hedge.



I was in need of a screen on a Hill Country lot in Comal county. The conditions were shallow soil on top of rock and full sun to part shade. I planted Evergreen Sumac spring of 2019 and this hedge went through the coldest winter event in our area that has happened in the past century. It dropped its leaves, but did not freeze to the ground. Foliage resprouted in spring and my Evergreen Sumacs were back in business.

Fast forward to the summer of 2023 which was the hottest summer on record. I watered that hedge only about 6 times through the summer (just so it would keep looking good) and it has survived and thrived. This hedge is currently 4'-5' tall and still growing. I fully expect it to reach over 12' T in the next 3-4 years.



Evergreen Sumac is an under-utilized plant in Central Texas and needs to be planted more. There is a supply problem right now with not enough growers growing Evergreen Sumac. Hopefully that changes in the near future.

Rainbow Gardens makes a real effort to keep this plant in stock, but we can go months without it. When we have it, you might want to come scoop some up!

**As of 10/17/23, currently in stock, primarily at our Thousand Oaks location!**