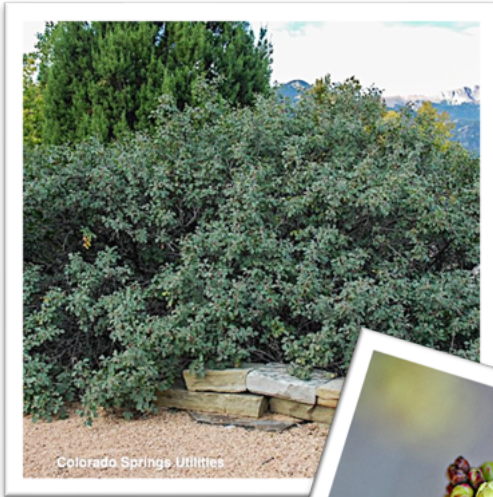


Rhus trilobata

Three-Leaf Sumac, Skunkbush



Plant type:	Perennial shrub
Season of Interest:	Spring through fall
Height: 3-8'	Spread: 3-8'
Water needs:	Low
Native Region:	CO, AZ, KS, NE, NM, OK, TX, UT, WY
Elevation:	to 9,000'
Important to know:	Dioecious (requires male & female plant to create fertile seed). Fast growing, spreads by rhizomes to form single-sex colonies



Maintenance:	Low, Average
Characteristics:	Fragrant, showy, berries
Garden uses:	Banks, slopes, hedges, wind breaks
Habitat:	Prairie, meadow

Ease of Propagation: Easy

Propagation: Softwood cuttings or seed. For seed, collect seeds that strip easily from the stems. The fruits can be cleaned after collection or stored at 40° dry until winter and cleaned. See Jan Midgley's Germination Guide (QR Code below) for tips on cleaning



When ready to sow the seeds either fall or late winter, scarify the seeds with acid, sandpaper, or a blender with plastic blades. Give them a boiling water treatment and soak for 24h or 2-3 days until seeds imbibe water and sink. After

treatments, cold stratify for 2-3 months by sowing in containers (covering to depth) and placing outside or in situ. Seeds will germinate when temps reach 65-70°F. If using the fridge to cold stratify, start the treatments in Jan-Feb. Sow in April-May. The seeds germinate quickly. Leaves emerge in 10 days at 65°F. The seedlings can be potted 3 weeks later.

