# Nyssa sylvatica

## Black gum

"Every leaf speaks bliss to me. Fluttering from the autumn tree." -Emily Bronte

#### **General Information**

**Size:** 30-80 feet Form: Medium size

Fall Colors: Deep purple to yellow, orange, red, and scarlett

Flowers: Purplish dark blue drupe Fruit: Clustered light green fruit

Bark: Grayish brown

Native: Yes



native to eastern North America from the coastal Northeastern United States and southern Ontario south to central Florida and eastern Texas, as well as Mexico

## **History & Story**

The black gum tree was donated to the Chatham Hall community in 1948.

### **Interesting Features**

Black gum trees are a favorite of bees due to their high nectar production. Wildlife such as squirrels and raccoons often live in black gum trees when limbs fall off and leave behind a hole in the trunk.



Family: Nyssaceae

