

poison sumac [Anacardiaceae](#) [Toxicodendron vernix](#) (L.) Kuntze

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Leaf: Alternate, pinnately compound, 8 to 13 inches long, 7 to 13 shiny green, ovate leaflets (each 2 to 4 inches long), entire margins, dull green beneath. TOXIC.

Flower: Small, yellow-green in drooping, loose clusters in leaf axils, appearing in early to mid-summer. TOXIC.

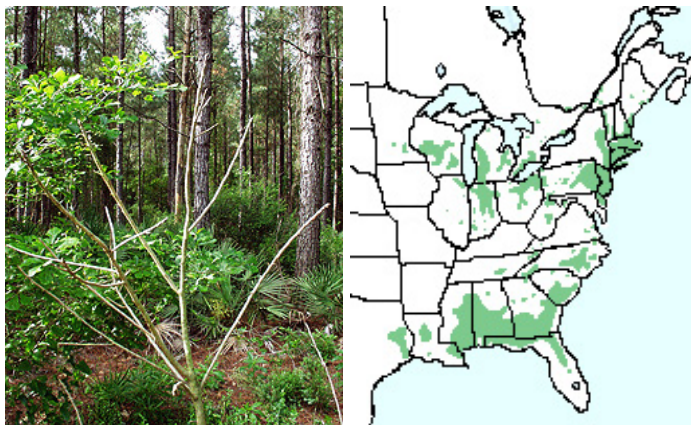
Fruit: Small (1/4 to 1/3 inch across) round, white (initially shiny green) drupes in hanging clusters, ripen in late summer, persistent. TOXIC.

Twig: Stout, glabrous, orange brown, often mottled, numerous darker lenticels, leaf scar large and shield-shaped, buds with downy scales. Broken or cut stems exude a dark colored sap TOXIC.

Bark: Smooth, splotchy gray-brown with numerous darker, horizontally spreading lenticels. TOXIC.

Form: Small (up to 15 feet), upright tree with a few wide spreading branches, often sprouts near the base.

Looks like: [shining sumac](#) - [prairie sumac](#) - [Brazilian peppertree](#) - [Chinese pistache](#)



Additional Range Information:
Toxicodendron vernix is native to North America. Range may be expanded by planting. [See states reporting poison sumac.](#)

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