



Liquidambar styraciflua 'Gum Ball'



Height	4 m
Width	3-4m
Crown	round to flat-topped spherical, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	dark grey, shallow grooved, no corky fissures on branches or twigs
Leaf	palmately lobed, 5 lobes, glossy green, 8 - 16 cm long
Autumn colour	yellow
Flowers	yellow-green, inconspicuous, April/May
Fruits	round, spiky capsule on long stem, 3 - 3.5 cm long
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	fertile, loamy soil
Soil moisture	suitable for wet soil
Paving	tolerates paving
Winter hardiness zone	6 (-23,3 to -17,8 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Application	narrow streets, small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree
Origin	Hiram B. Stubblefield, McMinnville, TN, USA, 1965

Very densely branching, globular, later flat-topped spherical shrub up to 4 m. Usually top-grafted in order to grow a tree with a round crown. The grey bark has shallow grooves. Young twigs are light green with only very few corky fissures or none. The leaf has 5 lobes and is glossy green. It turns yellow only very late in autumn and the leaves will turn brown if there is a night frost early in the season. The flowers are inconspicuous and are followed by round, spiky capsules that persist in the winter. Good for use on housing estates, squares or in gardens. Prefers fertile, moist soil: cannot tolerate persisting drought.