



# Liquidambar styraciflua 'Gum Ball'



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