



## Nyssa sylvatica 'Wisley Bonfire'



<b>Height</b>	10 - 15 m
<b>Width</b>	6-8m
<b>Crown</b>	wide ovoid, half-open crown, capricious growing
<b>Bark and branches</b>	twigs greenish brown, bark dark grey, grooved
<b>Leaf</b>	oval to obovate, glossy dark green, 6 - 13 cm
<b>Autumn colour</b>	yellow, orange, red
<b>Flowers</b>	inconspicuous, greenish, April/May
<b>Fruits</b>	ovoid drupe, dark blue, Ø 0.9 - 1.5 cm
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	prefers loamy soil, not too dry
<b>Soil moisture</b>	suitable for wet soil, withstand short flood
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates no paving
<b>Winter hardiness zone</b>	5a (-28,8 to -26,1 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	moderate
<b>Other resistances</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
<b>Fauna tree</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), provides food for birds
<b>Application</b>	tree containers, roof gardens
<b>Shape</b>	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
<b>Origin</b>	Jim Gardiner, RHS Garden Wisley, Wisley England, 1995

Medium-size tree with a broad ovoid crown 10 to 15 m tall. When mature the branches arch strongly so that the crown becomes broader and almost round. 'Wisley Bonfire' has a strikingly regular crown shape. The glossy dark green leaves are oval to obovate and a fraction larger than the species. The leaves are glossy dark green in summer, turning yellow, orange and radiant red over several weeks in autumn. The autumn colours may vary depending on the soil type in which the tree stands. The root growth is deep making transplantation difficult. *N. sylvatica* grows naturally in marshy sites but it can also thrive well in less moist places.