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*Cotinus coggygia*

[Synonyms : *Cotinus coccygea*, *Rhus cotinus*]

**SMOKE TREE** is a deciduous shrub. Native from southern Europe to central China (and to the Himalayas), it has tiny, purplish turning to pink flowers.

It is also known as Common smoke tree, Eurasian smoke tree, European smoke tree,

*Färbersumach* (German), Hungarian sumac, Indian sumac, Mist tree, *Perückenstrauch* (German), *Perukbuske* (Swedish), *Peruukkipensas* (Finnish), *Rhus*, *Ruj vlasatá* (Czech), Silken sumac, Smoke bush, *Tunga* (Hindi), Turkish sumac, Tyrolean sumac, Venetian sumach, Venice sumach, Wig tree, and Young fustic.

The flowers attract wasps. This species is a parent of some cultivated varieties.

*Coggygia* is a corruption of a Greek name *kokkugia* for this species.

The wood (known to some as ‘young fustic’) and young twigs yield a yellow-orange leather or wool dye also called by some Young fustic.

The powdered leaves and wood have been used for tanning, particularly leather for gloves or bookbinding.

This hard, mottled yellow wood has also been used for inlay work.