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Quercus muehlenbergii

Chinquapin Oak



The light-colored underside of the leaves contrasts attractively with the lustrous yellow-green upper surface. Develops a pleasant yellow or light orange fall color. Typically found in dry areas, but tolerant of a range of light and moisture conditions. Sensitive to soil compaction, best sited in a garden bed protected from trampling. Its acorns are an important wildlife food.

Suggested Companions: black oak (*Quercus velutina*), pignut hickory (*Carya glabra*), hazelnut (*Corylus americana*), Pennsylvania sedge (*Carex pensylvanica*), wild geranium (*Geranium maculatum*), black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)

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Plant Type: Tree
Size: 35-50' H
35-50' W

Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:

Open field/ Prairie
Woodland Margin

Soil: Sandy/ Gravelly
Average Garden Soil

Exposure: sun

Flower Color:

Green
Yellow

Plant in: Spring

Groundcover: No

Bloom Time:

May

Other Attributes:

Wildlife attracting
Butterfly attracting
Bird attracting