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# Quercus palustris

## Pin Oak



Unlike many oaks, pin oak has no major taproot and is easily transplanted, and relatively fast-growing. Requires acid soil and adequate moisture. Tolerant of swampiness and wet clay. Fall foliage is various reds and russets. Acorns are an important wildlife food.

**Suggested companions:** swamp white oak (*Quercus bicolor*), bur oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*), red ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*).

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Plant Type: Tree

Size: 50-75' H  
50-75' W

Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:

Forested Upland  
Forested Wetland  
Woodland Margin

Soil: Average Garden Soil  
Rich Moist  
Sandy/ Gravelly  
Very Damp/Wet  
Clay

Exposure: sun

Flower Color:

Yellow  
Green

Bloom Time:

May

Plant in: Spring

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:

Wildlife attracting  
Fall color  
Butterfly attracting  
Bird attracting