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# Quercus rubra

## Red Oak



Unlike many oaks, red oak transplants easily and grows quickly. Prefers an acid, sandy soil. No significant disease or insect problems. Foliage is a dark, glossy green, and the fall color is usually a rich red.

**Suggested companions:** sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*), white ash (*Fraxinus americana*), any of the hickories.

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Plant Type: Tree  
Size: 60-90' H  
60-75' W

Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:  
Forested Upland

Soil: Average Garden Soil  
Rich Moist  
Clay  
Sandy/ Gravelly

Exposure: sun  
filtered  
shade

Flower Color:  
Green  
Yellow

Bloom Time:  
May

Plant in: Spring

Groundcover:

Other Attributes:  
Butterfly attracting  
Bird attracting  
Wildlife attracting  
Fall color