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Quercus velutina

Black Oak



This large canopy tree has very dark, almost black, bark that contrasts effectively with the red, green and yellow leaves it displays throughout the growing season. Leaves emerge a reddish-fawn, turn lustrous dark green, and then yellow-brown in the fall. Long taproot and laterals makes transplanting difficult; move as a small specimen, balled and burlapped, in early spring. Prefers acid, sandy soil, but will tolerate a range of conditions. Once established, a problem-free, long-lived tree.

Suggested companions: any of the hickories, red oak (*Quercus rubra*), white oak (*Quercus alba*), eastern redcedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)

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Plant Type: Tree
Size: 60-80' H
25-50" W

Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:
Woodland Margin
Forested Upland

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Sandy/ Gravelly
Rich Moist
Clay

Exposure: sun
filtered

Flower Color: Yellow
Red
Bloom Time: May

Plant in: Spring

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:
Butterfly attracting
Bird attracting
Wildlife attracting
Fall color