

NORTHERN RED OAK

Quercus rubra | Deciduous Tree



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Northern red oak is a Midwest native and is one of the faster growing oaks for the home landscape. The leaves are handsome throughout the year, turning dark green in summer, and changing to bright red in autumn. Its tolerance of salt and air pollution makes it a good tree for more exposed areas.



Grows in Hardiness Zones 3-8 [view map](#)



Height of 60'-75' and spread of about 60' - 75' at maturity. Fast growing at about 25" or more once established.



Red oak prefers acidic soil, clay, drought, loamy, moist, well-drained soil. It tolerates compacted soil, air pollution and moderate salt spray.



Keep the soil moist. Water newly planted trees once a day for the first couple of weeks after planting, and once a week after that during the growing season. In subsequent years periodic deep watering is preferable over frequent light watering. Watering can be tricky! [Learn more here.](#)



Full sun is the ideal condition for this tree, meaning it should get at least six hours of direct, unfiltered sunlight each day.



Acorns from this tree are at the top of the food preference list for blue jays, wild turkeys, squirrels, small rodents, whitetail deer, raccoons and black bears. Deer also browse the buds and twigs in wintertime.

