

Southern Red Oak

Quercus falcata

Height: 60-80' | Light: ☉-☼ | Spread: 40-50' | Moisture: dry-moist soil

This is an ornamentally attractive oak with a straight trunk and an open rounded crown. It is best grown in acidic, dry to medium, well-drained loams in full sun but will tolerate some shade. It is also tolerant of poor and sandy soils as well as drought. The Southern red oak is moderately resistant to damage by deer. The leaf easily recognizable by its elongated, narrow tip (terminal lobe), which often referred to as a “witches’ finger.” A relatively fast-growing oak. This southern species will do well in our region as the climate warms. In general, oaks are a keystone species, meaning that entire ecosystems depend on them for survival. They can live for centuries, providing food and habitat for hundreds of species of wildlife, cleaning the air for future generations! If you have the space, choose this tree! Leave a legacy of clean air and water.

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