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NORTHERN RED OAK

Quercus rubra

This rugged staple of the Eastern Forest is just at home as an urban shade or street tree. Oaks are among the most beneficial genera for diverse wildlife.

Benefits for Wildlife

- Acorns enjoyed by many animals
- Provides cover and nesting sites for birds and mammals
- Rabbits, deer, and moose browse the foliage

Host to 431 caterpillar species, including: (common names) Bantam Maple Dagger; Clymene Moth; White Fircula; Rosy maple moth; Elm Sphinx; Definite Tussock Moth; Interrupted Dagger Moth; Banded Purple

Benefits for People

- Adaptable shade and landscape tree
- Excellent wood
- Acorns are edible, usually dried and crushed into flour

Growing Information

Sunlight Sun
Soil Type Dry to moist, acidic
Height 80-120'
Width 40-60'
Flowering calendar April

Natural Habitat

- Forest

