

Scarlet Oak

(Quercus coccinea)



Shade Tree



50' - 70' High



40' - 50' Spread



Medium Growth



Full Sun



Various Soils



Round Shape



The Scarlet Oak is a well named tree. In the early spring the foliage is usually red and the inner bark is red, and in the fall the leaves turn a brilliant scarlet. This oak prefers dry, acidic soils. It favors dry ridges, bluffs, and hills. The leaves of the Scarlet Oak resemble those of the Pin Oak, but leaf sinuses are C-shaped instead of U-shaped. The Scarlet Oak has the best fall color of all the oaks, and is considered to be relatively fast-growing for an oak. It can tolerate drought and dry soil as well. (Zones 4 - 9)

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