

# ***Quercus falcata***

## Southern red oak



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The Beech Family (Fagaceae)

This tall, deciduous tree reaches 50-80 feet tall; has alternate leaves with 3-5 pointed lobes and hairy underside; and has deep-furrowed, scaly bark.

**Habitat:** It prefers dry upland sites; found across the southern and eastern U.S.

**Interesting Facts:** The bark of this tree can be used as a dye or in tanning leather.

**Fruit:** This fruit is a small acorn with flattened cap that covers less than 1/3 of the acorn body.

**Flower:** Male flowers are yellow to green and found on catkins; female flowers are reddish and found on short spikes; and it blooms in the spring.

**Wildlife value:** This tree's acorns are consumed by many mammals and birds.