

# ***Quercus nigra* L.**

## Water oak



### **Source:**

Friends of the Louisiana State Arboretum.  
*Featured Species* website.

Louisiana Trees, first edition 2015, made available by Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

### The Fragaceae Family

Tall tree, reaching 90 feet tall at maturity with simple, alternate, deciduous leaves ranging 2.0 -4.0 inches long and 1.0 to 2.0 inches wide.

### **Habitat:**

This tree prefers moist, upland forests and in deep sand deposits in bottomlands.

### **Interesting Facts:**

The timber value is moderate quality because of splitting. Veneer is used as plywood for fruit and vegetable containers.

### **Fruit:**

The nearly round acorn is 0.38 to 0.63 inches with nearly black color with faint stripes.

### **Flower:**

Its flower is monoecious; unisexual; staminate, stalked, hairy, yellow, catkins, 2.0 to 3.0 inches long.

### **Wildlife value:**

Acorns are eaten by squirrels, chipmunks and waterfowl.