

Quercus shumardii

Shumard oak



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The Beech Family (Fagaceae)

This tall tree reaches 80-100 feet tall;
has alternate, deciduous leaves with 5-
9 bristled lobes; and is reddish-gray
bark with small ridges

Habitat: It prefers moist, upland
forests and stream banks; and is found
in eastern and central U.S.

Interesting Facts: This tree is often
called Spotted or Leopard Oak because
spots develop on the fallen leaves.

Fruit: The fruit is single or paired
acorns; beret-shaped cap, covering less
than 1/3 of acorn body.

Flower: Male flowers are long, light
green, clustered catkins; female
flowers appear near the leaves and can
be single or double per stalk.

Wildlife value: Many birds and
mammals consume the acorns, as well
as the insects found in the acorns.