

***Quercus velutina* Lam.**

Black oak



The Fagaceae Family

This tree is often used as a shade tree growing 90 feet tall; its simple, alternate, deciduous leaves measure 5-7 inches long and 3-5 inches wide. It has dark brown to black bark with deep furrows and rough ridges.

Habitat: The tree prefers dry uplands and lower slopes in rich well drained soils.

Interesting Facts: It's sold as "red oak" and is used in furniture making.

Fruit: The tree bears acorns in elliptical shape.

Flower: The flower is moneocious, unisexual; staminate, interrupted, hairy, catkins, 4.0" – 6.0" long.

Wildlife value: The acorns are eaten turkey, songbirds, deer, squirrel and other small mammals.

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