

SCARLET OAK

Quercus coccinea



Family:	Beech
Native to:	Eastern United States
Hardiness Zones:	4- 9
Bloom Time:	April to May
Height:	70-75 feet
Spread:	40-45 feet
Leaf:	Sharp,coarsely toothed lobes

DECIDUOUS TREE

Culture:

Scarlet oak, a member of the red oak group, thrives in full sun and well-drained, acidic soil, but will tolerate alkaline soil. Leaves are bright red in early spring; dark shiny green in summer; scarlet in fall. The 1-inch-long acorn is reddish-brown and is enclosed in a deep cap.

It is sometimes mistaken for a Pin Oak or a Red Oak, but the sinuses between the lobes are "C" shaped compared to other varieties that have a "U" shape. Unlike the Pin Oak, the leaves are hairless.

Did you know?

Scarlet oak makes an excellent lawn or park tree; however, note that as little as 1 inch of fill soil can kill an oak.

The national champion tree is 120 feet tall and is in Powell County, Ky.

The wood is generally marketed as red oak, but is of inferior quality, being somewhat weaker and not forming as large a tree.

