Oak, Kindred Spirit

Quercus x warei 'Nadler'



Oak, Kindred Spirit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Ware's Oak, Hybrid Oak

Description:

This moderate growing variety has a very narrow, columnar habit; glossy, dark green foliage turns bright red-orange in fall; strong branching and a high resistance to mildew and drought make this a great selection as a landscape accent

Ornamental Features

Oak, Kindred Spirit is primarily valued in the landscape for its rigidly columnar form. It has attractive dark green foliage with silver undersides. The large lobed leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding red in the fall. However, the fruit can be messy in the landscape and may require occasional clean-up.



Oak, Kindred Spirit foliage
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Landscape Attributes

Oak, Kindred Spirit is a dense deciduous tree with a strong central leader and a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds and squirrels to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Oak, Kindred Spirit is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening

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Planting & Growing

Oak, Kindred Spirit will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 6 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 150 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations!

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Clean up Rating (1-5) 1=least effort 5=most effort

Clean Up Rating: Kindred Spirit is a cross between Red Oak and Nadler Oak. It starts producing acorns between 20 and 25 years of age. The acorns are about 1 inch and can take 1 to 2 years to mature. The leaves can stay on the tree well into winter. Clean up by blowing or raking everything onto the lawn and mow or bag.