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Oak, Scarlet

Quercus coccinea



Oak, Scarlet
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 50 feet

Spread: 40 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Description:

An impressive shade tree with a loosely pyramidal habit of growth and interesting leaves; fast growing for an oak, great as a fall accent in the home landscape; requires loose, acidic soils

Ornamental Features

Oak, Scarlet has dark green deciduous foliage on a tree with a pyramidal habit of growth. The spiny lobed leaves turn an outstanding scarlet in the fall. However, the fruit can be messy in the landscape and may require occasional clean-up. The furrowed gray bark and silver branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.



Oak, Scarlet in fall
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Landscape Attributes

Oak, Scarlet is a deciduous tree with a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. 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, Scarlet is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade

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Planting & Growing

Oak, Scarlet will grow to be about 50 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 40 feet. It has a high canopy of foliage that sits well above 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 300 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, but has a definite preference for acidic soils, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is native to parts of North America.

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

Clean up Rating (3): Scarlet Oak starts producing acorns between 20 and 25 years of age. The acorns are 3/4-1 inch and can take up to 2 years to mature. The leaves can stay on the tree well into winter and can even stay on tree until new leaves push the old ones off. Clean up is blow or rake everything onto lawn and mow or bag.