



Nuttall's Oak

Quercus texana

Height: 80 feet

Spread: 60 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Other Names: Texas Red Oak, *Quercus nuttallii*

Description:

A beautiful and artistic shade tree producing a wide spreading, rounded crown, with good orange-red fall color; best for larger landscapes; tolerates clay or wet soils, prefers loose, slightly acidic soils

Ornamental Features

Nuttall's Oak has dark green foliage with light green veins on a tree with a round habit of growth. The glossy lobed leaves turn an outstanding antique red in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Nuttall's Oak is a deciduous tree with a more or less rounded 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 bees, butterflies and squirrels to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Nuttall's Oak is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade



Nuttall's Oak
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Nuttall's Oak foliage
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Planting & Growing

Nuttall's Oak will grow to be about 80 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 60 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 7 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 fast 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 is an amazingly adaptable plant, tolerating both dry conditions and even some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is native to parts of North America.