

## Shumard Oak (*Quercus shumardii*)



Growing 80 feet tall with a 50 to 60-foot spread, Shumard Oak forms a large, stately tree with a narrow, rather open, rounded canopy, somewhat reminiscent of Red Oak. The crown spreads with age becoming round at maturity.

The large deciduous leaves are deeply-lobed and have bristles on the tips of some lobes. A lovely dark green during most of the year, Shumard Oak puts on a vivid display of brilliant red to red-orange fall and winter foliage, providing a dramatic landscape statement. The large, 1.5-inch-wide acorns are popular with wildlife.

Like other Oaks, this tree needs pruning to develop a strong branch structure while young to ensure proper development and longevity in the landscape.

Shumard Oak grows well in full sun on a wide variety of soils. Although it prefers moist, rich soil where it will grow rapidly, it will tolerate drier locations. Shumard Oak is highly stress-tolerant and will endure urban conditions quite well, including high soil pH and poorly-drained clay soils.

### Information Source:

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