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Swamp Chestnut Oak is a native tree to Florida that could be planted more in the urban environment. Swamp Chestnut Oak can tolerate a wide variety of sites. It can withstand saturated soils for a short period and it can tolerate droughty sites as well. Once it becomes established it needs little or no irrigation. Swamp Chestnut Oak should be grown in full sun. It should also be grown in spaces that have plenty of room above and below.

The leaves are deciduous and vary from 4-8 inches in length. They are oval shaped with dentate (tooth like) lobes. The leaves turn a crimson red in the fall when the conditions are right. The bark is attractive as well. It is fairly flakey. Somewhat similar to pecan bark. It is gray with tinges of red within the flakey bark. The large acorns are very good for wildlife and the wood is good for lumber. Swamp Chestnut Oak in Florida is in Suwannee County and measures 91 feet tall with a crown spread of 87 feet.

Growth Form	Large Tree
Growth Rate	Moderate
Potential Size	Height: 60-90 ft. Spread: 30-50 ft.
Leaves	Simple, Obovate 4-8" L x 3-5" W Alternate Dentate (toothed) Margins Upper surface Dark Green Lower surface dull and fuzzy
Bark	Thick, light gray, shaggy
Flowers	Inconspicuous
Fruit	Large acorn 1.5 " long



Additional Reading:

Trees of N. and Cent. Florida
<http://ifasbooks.ifas.ufl.edu>
Swamp Chestnut Oak:
<https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody/Pages/quemic/quemic.shtml>

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