



Shumard oak *Fagaceae Quercus shumardii* Buckley

Leaf: Alternate, simple, 4 to 7 inches long, 5 to 9 lobes with coarse bristle tips, sinuses extend more than halfway to midrib, shiny dark green above, pale green below.

Flower: Monoecious; males are long hanging catkin in clusters, light green; females single or paired on a short stalk, appearing with the leaves.

Fruit: Acorn, single or paired, 3/4 to 1 1/4 inches long, oblong-ovoid; shallow, bowl-shaped, scaly cap covering less than 1/3 of acorn.

Twig: Moderately stout, grayish brown, glabrous, clustered terminal buds are 1/4 inch long, grayish brown, smooth or slightly fuzzy.

Bark: Grayish brown, developing dark, deep furrows, with light gray to white scaly ridge tops.

Form: A large southern oak, often over 100 feet tall and several feet in diameter, with a clear bole and a broad, spreading crown.

Planting Instructions: Dig a hole twice the size of the roots. Plant with rich organic soil mixture to a depth so that the top of the roots are just under the general soil surface and water well. Continue watering twice a week through August, then once a week through September. Consider mature growth when selecting planting location. Light: Sun to part sun.

Very good native tree for supporting a variety of wildlife.



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