

## White Oak

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| <b>Genus/species</b> | <i>Quercus alba</i>   |
| <b>Family</b>        | Fagaceae  |
| <b>Distribution</b>  | <b>Eastern US</b> SE Minnesota eastward to S Maine<br>S Maine southward to N Florida<br>N Florida westward to E Texas<br>E Texas northward to E Minnesota |

**Comments** White Oak is a component of many kinds of forests, especially those that have moderately moist soil and have been allowed to mature over a long period of time. The rather light-gray bark is composed of thick flakes, and the distinctive bluish-green leaves have rounded lobes. White Oak becomes a large, rounded tree. The abundant wind-borne pollen is shed from catkins in the spring, and the female flowers ripen into acorns in the fall of the same year.

