



SOUTHERN RED OAK

QUERCUS FALCATA

Southern red oaks are part of the red oak family. They have two types of leaves. One is irregularly shaped with 5-7 lobes. One is pear-shaped with 3 rounded lobes towards the end. Leaves are dark, shiny green above and paler and fuzzy below. Leaves remain on the tree late into fall.



TYPE:
Deciduous



SIZE:
80 feet high
50 feet wide



SUN:
Full sun



FLOWERS:
Separate male and female flowers on the same tree called catkins that appear with the leaves in spring



USDA ZONES:
6-9



ID TIPS:
Narrow, three-lobed leaves, which grow alongside similar leaves with 5 to 7 lobes



WILDLIFE VALUE:
The acorns are eaten by woodpeckers, blue jays, white-breasted nuthatches, American crows and small mammals.



INTERESTING FACT:
Southern red oak lumber is used for construction, flooring and furniture.

