



LOOK FOR LONG,  
NARROW LEAVES



**TYPE:**  
Deciduous



**SIZE:**  
75 feet high  
50 feet wide



**SUN:**  
Full sun



**FLOWERS:**  
Separate male and  
female flowers called  
catkins on same tree



**USDA ZONES:**  
5-9



**ID TIPS:**  
Leaves are long and  
narrow, like black  
willow leaves



**WILDLIFE VALUE:**  
The acorns are eaten  
by a variety of wildlife:  
squirrels, deer and  
a variety of birds  
(blue jays, red-headed  
woodpeckers, turkey,  
quail, ducks).



**INTERESTING FACT:**  
Many of the giant trees  
in older neighborhoods  
were dug directly from  
local creek banks and  
planted along the street.



# WILLOW OAK

## QUERCUS PHELLOS

Willow oaks are the iconic Charlotte tree as they are commonly planted along streets. These native trees are tolerant to urban pollutants and a wide range of soil types. The narrow leaf shape leads this tree to be commonly, but incorrectly, called pin oak (a separate species of oak whose leaves do not resemble willow oak leaves).