

Swamp White Oak

Quercus bicolor (Family: *Fagaceae*)

Description: The swamp white oak, while preferring swampy soils, has surprisingly good drought tolerance. With its thick, quality foliage, this tree is excellent as a shade tree.

Hardiness: USDA hardiness zone 4

Natural Habitat:

Mature Size: Height: 50-60', Spread: 50-60'

Form (Shape): Upright oval

Growth Rate: Moderate

Foliage: Summer color is a quality dark green. In autumn, it becomes a copperish red or brown.

Texture: Coarse

Flowers: Yellowish green, ornamentally insignificant.

Fruit: Produces pairs of acorns.

Light: Full sun to part shade.

Soil: Prefers acidic, swampy soil but is drought tolerant.

Propagation: Seed.

Failure Patterns:

Disease and Insects:

Landscape Use: The shade cast by the tree makes it excellent for lawns (space permitting) and parks. With its attractive dark foliage and bark, it makes for a pleasing accent in the landscape.

Availability: Available in retail nurseries.