

Burr Oak

(Quercus macrocarpa)

Mature Height: 50'-60'

Mature Spread: 40'-50'

Growth Rate: Slow

Burr Oak is a large, native tree with an irregular and open branch structure. It tolerates alkaline soils better than most Oaks, but will grow very slowly in heavy or compacted soils. It has a thick, corky bark and large leaves. Burr Oak tolerates urban conditions well and is striking in large landscapes. The foliage is bright green in summer and turns a bright yellow in fall.

Like all oaks, it is valuable for the wildlife of the area for food and shelter. It is a very long-lived tree, and specimens have been found that are over 400 years old. Its beauty and majesty have led the Burr Oak to be named state tree for the state of Iowa.



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