PLANT FACT SHEET

Quercus borealis F. Michx.

GENUS *Quercus* **FAMILY** Fagaceae

COMMON NAMES Red oak, Norther red oak

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Acorns, Nuts

DESCRIPTION

A tree with a large dome shape. The branches are straight. It grows 35 m high. The bark is shiny grey and turns dark brown and develops cracks. The leaves are alternate and with shorter stout stalks than scarlet oak. Both sides of the leaf are matt green. The leaves turn dark red in autumn. The acorns are held in shallow saucer like cups. The acorns ripen in their second year. The kernels are bitter.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows on deep, well drained soils.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It grows rapidly.

NOTES

There are about 600 Quercus species.

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