PLANT FACT SHEET

Quercus lyrata Walter

GENUS *Quercus* **FAMILY** Fagaceae

COMMON NAMES Overcup oak, Southern Overcup Oak, Swamp pot oak, Water white oak

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Nut

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It grows 18 m tall and spreads 9 m wide. It loses its leaves during the year. It has an open crown and large crooked branches. The leaves are oblong or egg shaped. They have deep, irregular lobes. They are dark green above and paler underneath. The fruit are acorns which are almost stalkless. They are 1.2-2.5 cm long and nearly round. They are almost enclosed by the cup.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows up to about 150 m altitude in SE regions of the USA. It suits hardiness zones 8-10.

NOTES

There are about 600 Quercus species.

PICTURES



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