PLANT FACT SHEET

Quercus imbricaria Michx.

GENUS *Quercus* **FAMILY** Fagaceae

COMMON NAMES Shingle oak, Laurel oak

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Nut

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous tree. It grows 25 m tall. The bark is grey-brown. It is smooth at first but becomes cracked with age. The leaves are oblong or sword shaped and 15 cm long by 7.5 cm wide. They end in a fine point. They do not have teeth along the edge. The leaves are yellow when young but become dark green. They have grey hairs underneath. The male and female flowers are borne separately on the same plant. The male flowers are more obvious and are in yellow-green drooping catkins. The fruit is an acorn which is 2 cm long. About one third is enclosed in a cup. The cup is covered with broad hairy scales.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is native to the central and eastern United States. It grows in rich woods and on riverbanks. It suits hardiness zones 6-10.

NOTES

There are about 600 Quercus species.

PICTURES



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