PLANT FACT SHEET

Quercus frainetto Tenore

GENUS *Quercus* **FAMILY** Fagaceae

COMMON NAMES Hungarian oak, Farnetto, Italian Oak

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Nut

The acorns are sweet. They are also processed into flour for bread.
The are also ground to produce a coffee-like drink.

DESCRIPTION

A large tree which loses its leaves. It grows to 27 m high. The branches fan out to give a large domed crown. The bark is greyish with a network of cracks. The leaves are alternate. They are up to 20 cm long with many deep lobes. The leaves taper towards the stalk. The leaves are dark green above and grey and hairy underneath. The acorn cup has large loose fitting scales.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is native to S.E. Europe. It will grow on all but very wet soils. In Melbourne Botanical Gardens. It suits hardiness zones 7-10.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Trees grow rapidly.

NOTES

There are about 600 Quercus species.

PICTURES



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