PLANT FACT SHEET

Quercus coccinea Münchh

GENUS *Quercus* **FAMILY** Fagaceae

COMMON NAMES Scarlet oak, Black oak, Red oak

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Nut

DESCRIPTION

A tree 20-25 m tall. It spreads 12-15 m wide. The trunk is 60-90 cm across. The bark is grey-brown. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaves are 10-15 cm long. There are 7-9 deep lobes. The leaf stalks are 4-6 cm long. The leaves are glossy and deeply divided. They are dark green but turn bright red in autumn. The acorns are 15-20 mm long. They are squat and fat. The cup encloses one half of the acorn. The scales are light reddish-brown.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is native to eastern North America. Trees are frost hardy. It will grow on most soils except those with lime. It cannot tolerate shade. Hobart Botanical Gardens. It suits hardiness zones 2-9. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fast growing.

NOTES

There are about 600 Quercus species.

PICTURES



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