



**Shumard Oak\***  
*Quercus shumardii*

Height: 80 feet

Spread: 50 feet

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 5a

**Description:**

A stately tall shade tree with an attractive narrow rounded habit of growth, deeply cut leaves and good fall color; extremely adaptable to wet or dry soils, great for creating vertical interest or as a street tree; tolerates drought and alkaline soils

**Ornamental Features**

Shumard Oak has dark green deciduous foliage on a tree with an oval habit of growth. The spiny lobed leaves turn an outstanding red in the fall. However, the fruit can be messy in the landscape and may require occasional clean-up.

**Landscape Attributes**

Shumard Oak is an open deciduous tree with a shapely oval form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting squirrels to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Shumard Oak is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade



*Shumard Oak*  
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*Shumard Oak foliage*  
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### Planting & Growing

Shumard Oak will grow to be about 80 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 50 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 7 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 200 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations!

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is an amazingly adaptable plant, tolerating both dry conditions and even some standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is native to parts of North America.

*\* This is a 'special order' plant - contact store for details*



*Shumard Oak in fall  
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