

Quercus acutissima

Sawtooth Oak

Zone: 5

Height: 50'

Width: 50'

Crown: Pyramidal, round
Soil: Loam, sand, clay
pH: Acid, slightly alkaline
Drought: High tolerance
Drainage: Well drained
Breakage: Resistant



Sawtooth Oak is attractive and large. The leaves look like those of Castanea, the American Chestnut. They are 2" to 4" long, dark, glossy green, serrated at the edges and turn yellow in fall. In winter the leaves turn brown and hang on the tree until spring. The bark is thick and deeply furrowed on older trees. There is a definite trunk flair, and this tree will lift curbs and sidewalks given a chance. Sawtooth is adaptable in soils except highly alkaline. It prefers well drained sites but will take some moisture.

The central leader is strong and will remain Dominate of lateral branches until the tree is mature. This is a vigorous tree, usually growing 3 feet in a season. So stand back or you'll get knocked over. Robinson Nursery offers Quercus acutissima as a #3 Grow Ready™ liner.

