

Quercus coccinea

Scarlet Oak

Zone: 4

Height: 50'-60'

Width: 40'-50'

Crown: Round, spreading
Growth: Moderate
Soil: Adaptable, no alkaline
Drought: Moderate
Drainage: Wet soil ok
Breakage: Resistant
Pests: Some aphid resistance



The term 'stately' may have been coined to describe Scarlet Oak. At up to 70' tall, and with a trunk of up to 4' in diameter, it certainly fits. If you have room, this is a great tree. Scarlet Oak is a little touchy transplanting bare root, so 'steaming' may help. It seems to transplant B&B just fine. After transplanting it may be susceptible to sun scald for a few years, so it should be wrapped. Limbs of Scarlet Oak are usually horizontal and have good attachment. The leader will often have to be staked and topped. The leaves are very dark and shiny, and the acorns are numerous and attractive. It's best not to park cars under this tree in winter when the acorns fall. Robinson has Scarlet Oak available #3 Grow Ready™ liners.