

White Oak



In the story of forest succession, the White Oak is called a climax species, as it shares domination in the mature forest with other oaks and hickories like the shagbark. Its name comes from its whiteish gray bark. In a forest setting the White Oak can live for 500 years or longer and grow to 150 feet in the process. Its quickly germinating acorn does not serve the storage requirements of squirrels very well, who look instead for the acorns of the Red or Pin Oak to bury. Like other nut producing trees the quantity of acorns produced in any given season is variable and has an impact on the populations of the animals that depend on its acorn production or mast. The wood of the White oak is frequently used in furniture making and flooring.