

Red Oak



Along with the White Oak and the Hickory family of trees, this is a tree of the mature forest. It grows for two-three hundred years often to heights of 80-90 feet, albeit with a relative narrow trunk of up to 30 inches. Red oak nurture their mast (acorn crop) for two years before dropping them. They have more tannin in them making them less palatable than White Oak acorns. Squirrels tend to store Red Oak acorns and eat the White Oak acorns immediately. The lumber from Red Oak has a wide range of uses from furniture making to railroad ties to fence posts.