

FACT SHEET

QUERCUS COCCINEA ['SCARLET OAK']



Origin: Eastern United States

Habit: 12m in height in 20 years. Open and broadly rounded. Pyramidal with pendulous lower branches when young. Eventually becoming a large tree.

Description: Lustrous, dark green leaves The leaves turn scarlet in autumn (brilliantly so in cooler areas). The leaves usually persist on the branches into winter. Grey-green to tan male catkins; yellow-green to tan female flower matures to brown acorn. Blooms in late winter to early spring. Bark is dark grey.

Tolerances: Air pollution, moderately wet soils, clay and quite dry, sandy areas but prefers a deep, fertile, soil that is moist but well drained.

Notes: Best when grown in areas with cooler climatic conditions. Is very tough once established. Suitable for larger parks, gardens, golf courses and for street planting. Autumn colour can be spectacular.

References:

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