

Northern Red Oak

Quercus rubra

Northern red oaks have grey-brown bark with flat ridges that can look striped from a distance.

Leaves are lobed with pointed tips. This tree is relatively fast-growing (for an oak), and can live for over 300 years.

It is most common in mesic forests known as the “Big Woods” with well-drained loamy or clayey soils.

Red oak is considered a true climax species, meaning it maintains a high presence even in old stands of Big Woods with little disturbance.

