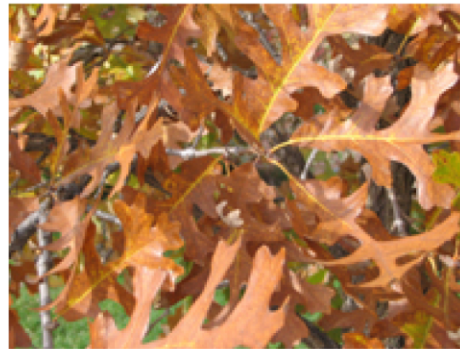
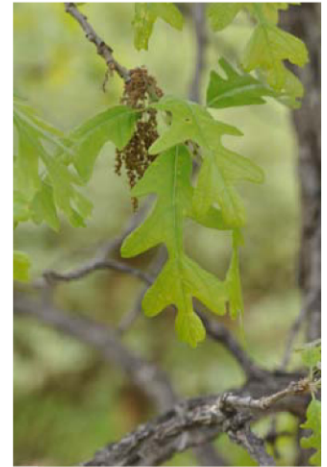


# Bur Oak

*Quercus macrocarpa*



Fall Color



Newly emerged leaves, corky stems

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Family: Fagaceae

**Stem & Leaf Type:** woody

**Leaf Color:** dark green

**Fall Color:** dull yellow to yellowish brown

**Flower Time:** spring, not significant

**Flower Color:** not significant

**Fruit:** acorn with a deep cap that has a fringe

**Light:** full sun

**Moisture:** well-drained

**USDA Hardiness**

**Zones:** 3-8

**Insect/Disease Issues:**

Many insects and diseases affect  
thracnose, powdery mildew but  
are major

**Nativity:**

Eastern North America

**Location in the Garden**

Children's Garden



**Landscape Value:**

This very large native tree can reach 70-80' in height and slightly wider in spread making it too large for many gardener's yards. Where there is the space, however, this tree makes an excellent native shade tree. Because it is difficult to transplant it is advantageous to start with small plants. Very tolerant in particular of Iowa's soils, trees will do well in a variety of well-drained, moist soils and has been reported to tolerate the tough conditions along streets (that dreaded spot between the sidewalk and curb) better than most oaks—if it fits in that spot!

**Notes:**

Though no specific oak species has been named, it is often the bur oak that gets the honor of representing the oak as Iowa's state tree. This tree is truly majestic as it ages.

**Months of Interest:**

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec