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Description: A worthy specimen for larger lawns, estates, or parks. As this species matures, it becomes a magnificent specimen and a conversation piece. Its whitish bark and branch structure create a beautiful silhouette in winter. In summer, excellent foliage is appreciated for its shade.

Height: 50 - 80 feet.

Trunk Diameter: 2 - 3 feet.

Spread: 50 - 60 feet (from center at maturity).

Growth Rate: Slow to medium.

Leaves: 4-6 inches long by 1 1/2 - 3 inches wide. Narrow, elliptical to oval. Shiny green on top and whitish green underneath.

Fall Color: Yellow to brown.

Bloom Time: It flowers shortly after the leaves appear, from about the first of April in the southern part of its range to about mid-June in the north. The blooms are insignificant and brown in color.

Fruit: Acorns 1/2 - 1 inches, egg shaped.

Root: Deep roots low impact on sidewalks.

Sun: Full sun.

Value: No serious disease or insect problems.

Issues: Likes well drained soils, but will do well in other types. It is tolerant of alkaline soils, unlike most white oaks, which develop chlorosis or the yellowing of leaves when grown under high pH conditions.