High Point Nuttall Oak

Quercus texana 'QNFTA'



High Point Nuttall Oak
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Height: 50 feet

Spread: 35 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Texas Red Oak, Quercus nuttallii

Description:

A beautiful and artistic shade or street tree producing a large rounded crown, with good yellow to red fall color; foliage drops cleanly in winter; uniform growth habit; tolerates clay or wet soils, prefers loose, slightly acidic soils

Ornamental Features

High Point Nuttall Oak has dark green foliage with light green veins which emerges coppery-bronze in spring on a tree with an oval habit of growth. The glossy lobed leaves turn outstanding shades of yellow and in the fall. However, the fruit can be messy in the landscape and may require occasional clean-up.

Landscape Attributes

High Point Nuttall Oak is a deciduous tree with a shapely oval form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting squirrels to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Messy

High Point Nuttall Oak is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

High Point Nuttall Oak will grow to be about 50 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 35 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 7 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 300 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations!

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is quite adaptable, prefering to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selection of a native North American species.