Variegated English Oak

Quercus robur 'Variegata'

Height: 50 feet

Spread: 40 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Variegated Truffle Oak

Description:

A large growing and stately tree, with incredible green and cream variegated foliage and an artistic spreading habit of growth; best for larger landscapes; extremely tough and adaptable, one of the very showiest varieties



Variegated English Oak foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Variegated English Oak has attractive creamy white-variegated dark green foliage on a tree with an oval habit of growth. The glossy lobed leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color. However, the fruit can be messy in the landscape and may require occasional clean-up.



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Landscape Attributes

Variegated English Oak is a dense 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

Variegated English Oak is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Variegated English Oak will grow to be about 50 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 40 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 5 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 200 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations!

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.