

English Oak *Quercus robur*

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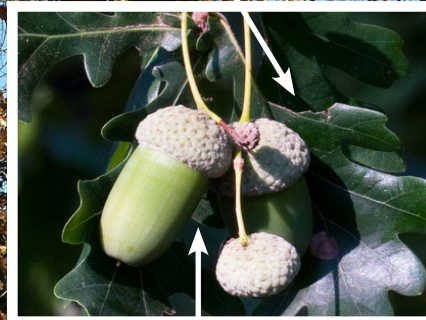
Leaves and flowers appear in early spring, acorns appear after flowering in autumn

Deciduous tree that grows up to 40 m in height



Tiny green to pale yellow flowers that hang in clusters

Dark green leaves that are oval to rectangular in shape with 3-7 rounded lobes on either side



Oval acorns are 2-2.5 cm in length (including the cap which covers one-third of the acorn)

Similar species:

White Oak (*Quercus alba*): It doesn't have the earlike lobes at the base of its leaves, or the very short leaf stalks.

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