

Northern Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*)

Origin: Native.

Status in Park: Widespread; well-drained forest, in lower areas and on bluffs.

Characteristics: Grows up to 120 feet in height, 4 feet in diameter; crown rounded, with large spreading branches; bark grayish brown, reddish brown, or blackish, with dark stripes, becoming furrowed with age; flowers are drooping catkins, appearing as leaves begin to unfold; fruits are large, pale brown acorns with very shallow, reddish caps.

Leaves: Alternate, simple; up to 10 inches long; with 7-11 shallow, pointed lobes; dark green, either smooth or somewhat hairy, paler beneath.



Location of tagged trees:



White-centered symbol indicates leaves are too high to be easily seen.

Notes: A prized timber species with high-quality lumber, used for furniture, flooring, paneling, veneer, boxes, and other products.