

Black Oak (*Quercus velutina*)

Origin: Native

Status in Park: Occasional; well-drained soils at higher elevations.

Characteristics: Reaches 100 feet in height, 3 ½ feet in diameter; crown broadly rounded or oblong, with spreading branches; bark black, deeply furrowed; flowers in slender, drooping clusters; fruits are acorns, solitary or two together, nut up to ¾ inch long, reddish brown, not more than ½ enclosed by the cup, cup with scales, appearing ragged.

Leaves: Alternate, simple; up to 10 inches long; with 7-9 deep or shallow lobes, which are bristle-tipped; shape quite variable; dark green and shiny on upper surface, smooth or finely hairy on undersurface.



Location of tagged tree:



White-centered symbol indicates a tree too tall for leaves to be easily seen.

Notes: A valuable timber species; diverse uses include high quality lumber, veneer, cabinets, flooring, general construction, boxes, and railroad crossties.