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Quercus austrina

[Synonyms : *Quercus durandii* var. *austrina*]

BLUFF OAK is a deciduous tree. Native to south-eastern United States it has deep green leaves that turn orange, yellow and brown in Autumn and small brown acorns.

It is also known as Bastard white oak, Bluff white oak, and *Dub rakouský* (Czech).

It is said to be endangered in some southern States of the United States, especially the Carolinas and Georgia.

The flowers are pollinated by the wind.

Austrina means ‘southern’.

This tree is sometimes cultivated as an ornamental and shade tree.

The wood used to be chosen for shipbuilding (before steel ships) and it was also made into barrels, not least apparently for ‘beechwood aged’ beer.

The palatable acorns are enjoyed by some wildlife, particularly squirrels, raccoons, some kinds of deer, and turkeys.