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Quercus castaneifolia

[Synonyms : *Quercus aegilops* var. *castaneifolia*, *Quercus castaneifolia* subsp. *aitchisoniana*, *Quercus castaneifolia* subsp. *eucastaneifolia*, *Quercus sintenisiana*]

CHESTNUTLEAF OAK is a deciduous tree. Native to the Caucasus and Iran, it has chestnut-like leaves.

It is also known as *Afares des Kabyles* (French), Caspian oak, *Chêne à feuilles de châtaignier* (French), Chestnut-leaved oak, Chestnut oak, *Dub kaštanolistý* (Czech), *Kastanie-eg* (Danish), *Kastanienblättrige Eiche* (German), *Kastanjebladige eik* (Dutch), *Palout* (French), Persian oak, and *Perzische eik* (Dutch).

The flowers are pollinated by the wind.

Castaneifolia is made up of the genus name *Castanea* and Latin *-folia* (leaved) components meaning ‘with leaves like those of that (chestnut) genus’.

The seed of this tree was introduced to North America in about 1840 and to Britain in 1843. A tree planted in 1846 in the Botanic Gardens at Kew stands today, having weathered the hurricane in south-eastern England in 1987 without the loss of any limbs.