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*Quercus cerris*

[Synonyms : *Quercus austriaca*, *Quercus vallonae*]

**TURKEY OAK** is a deciduous tree. Native to southern Europe and western Asia it has yellowish catkins.

It is also known as Bitter oak, *Cer* (Slovak), *Cerro* (Italian), *Chêne chevelu* (French), *Dub cer* (Czech), *Dub cerový* (Slovak), *Dub rakouský* (Czech), *Dub slovenský* (Czech), *Eiche* (German), European turkey oak, Manna oak, Mossy-cup oak, *Turkisk ek* (Swedish), and *Zerr-Eiche* (German).

*Cerris* is a Latin name for this species.

The white substance obtained from the tree is boiled with the leaves to produce a greenish cake or sweetmeat eaten in the East.

Turkey oak was introduced to Britain in 1735.

Its timber has been used by cabinetmakers, turners and wheelwrights. Today it is primarily made into rough furniture or vine props.