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Quercus macranthera

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CAUCASIAN OAK is a deciduous tree. Native to the Caucasus and northern Iran, it has dark greyish-green leaves and acorns with a downy, scaly cup.

It is also known as *Chêne du Caucase* (French), *Dub velkokvětý* (Czech), High mountain oak, Iranian oak, *Kaukasische Eiche* (German), Persian oak, *Persische Eiche* (German), *Perzische eik* (Dutch), *Quercia del Caucaso* (Italian), and Rumanian oak.

The flowers are pollinated by the wind.

Macranthera is derived from Greek *macro-* (large, long) and *-anthera* (anther) components meaning ‘with large anthers, the pollen-bearing part of the stamen’.

This oak is said by some authorities to have been introduced to Britain in the last half of the 18th Century – and to North America by 1873.