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Quercus pontica

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ARMENIAN OAK is a deciduous shrub or tree. Native to Caucasus, Armenia and eastern Turkey, it has glossy dark green leaves and hairy, dark-coloured acorns.

It is also known as *Armenische Eiche* (German), *Chêne d'Arménie* (French), *Chêne du Pontin* (French), *Chêne pontique* (French), *Dub čenomořský* (Czech), Pontic oak, Pontine oak, *Pontische Eiche* (German), and *Quercia pontica* (Italian).

The flowers are pollinated by the wind.

Pontica means 'of or from Pontus on the southern shores of the Black Sea (the north coast of Asia Minor).

Authorities note that Armenian oak was introduced to both North America and Britain in 1885.

Today it is cultivated in France and Germany as an ornamental.