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Quercus prinoides

[Synonyms : *Quercus acuminata*, *Quercus alexanderi*, *Quercus castanea* var. *prinoides*, *Quercus chincapin*, *Quercus chinquapin*, *Quercus muhlenbergii*, *Quercus prinoides* var. *acuminata*, *Quercus prinoides* var. *rufescens*, *Quercus prinus* var. *chincapin*, *Quercus prinus* var. *humilis*, *Quercus rufescens*]

DWARF CHINKAPIN OAK is a deciduous shrub or tree. Native to north-eastern and central North America, it has glossy dark green leaves and pale brown acorns.

It is also known as Chestnut oak, Chincapin oak, Chinquapin oak, Dwarf chinquapin oak, Dwarf oak, and Scrub chestnut oak.

The flowers are pollinated by the wind.

This oak can be confused with chinkapin oak, *Quercus muhlenbergii* but the latter has sharply pointed buds and is larger.

Prinoides is said to mean ‘like chestnut-oak (*Quercus prinus*)’ with reference to the leaves.