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*Quercus texana*

[Synonyms : *Quercus nuttallii*, *Quercus nuttallii* var. *cachensis*, *Quercus palustris* f. *nuttallii*, *Quercus rubra* var. *texana*, *Quercus shumardii* var. *microcarpa*, *Quercus shumardii* var. *texana*, *Quercus texana* var. *shumardii*]

**TEXAS RED OAK** is a deciduous tree. Native to south-eastern United States, it has dull dark yellowish-green leaves and spine-tipped, usually dark-striped, reddish-brown acorns.

It is also known as *Chêne de Nuttall* (French), *Dub texaský* (Czech), Nuttall oak, Nuttall's oak, Pin oak, Red oak, Red river oak, Southern red oak, Spanish oak, Striped oak, and Texas oak.

The flowers are pollinated by the wind.

The wood is often sold as 'Red oak'.

This oak can be confused with the swamp oak, *Quercus palustris* and shumard oak, *Quercus shumardii*. It has longer and narrower leaves than the former and more deeply lobed leaves and deeper acorn cups than the latter.

*Texana* means 'of or from Texas, USA'

In the Mississippi valley the wood has been used for general construction and authorities have noted that it is considered to be of great value commercially.

This tree has been cultivated as an ornamental on lawns and also grown as a street tree and for its shade.

The palatable acorns are enjoyed by deer, wild turkeys, squirrels and ducks.