

Laurel Oak

Scientific name:	<i>Quercus laurifolia</i>
Growth habit:	Tree (to 148 feet)
Light preference:	Shade tolerant
Soil preference:	Well drained, moist to wet
Fruit type:	Acorn



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Plant associates: **Shrubs or small trees:**
American hornbeam, Ilex species (possumhaw, dahoon), swamp dogwood, sweet pepperbush, Rhododendrum species

Value to [Red-headed Woodpecker](#): Acorns account for 10-25% of diet in fall, winter and spring

Notes: Anticipate fast growth and broad rounded crowns when selecting a spot for this tree. Known to continuously drop twigs and branches, but provides abundant acorn crop that is important to birds and other wildlife.

Native range: AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, SC, VA, TN, TX

