



# Shumard Oak

## The Facts

Height: 40 - 60'  
Spread: 30 - 40'  
Sun: Full sun  
Water: Dry to medium  
Soil: Well-drained  
Growth Rate: Fast

This oak is long lived and respected in the horticulture community. Luscious green foliage lines streets and graces homes through spring and summer, giving way to the gorgeous fall color it is also loved for.

Shumard oak is a medium sized, deciduous tree of the red oak group. Pyramidal in youth but spreads to a broad open crown with age. Shiny, dark green leaves (6-8" long) with deep, spiny lobes (usually 7-9 lobes). Fall color appears late, but is often a respectable brownish red. Insignificant flowers separate male and female; catkins appear in spring as the leaves emerge. Fruit are acorns which are usually not produced until tree has reached the age of 25 years. Indigenous to central and southern Missouri in moist locations in bottomlands and lowlands, including sites along streams and lakes, valleys, floodplains and at the edge of swamps. However, in the St. Louis area, it is most often found on dry, elevated sites.

