

# Northern Pin Oak

*Quercus ellipsodalis*

-The Northern Pin Oak is a medium sized tree. It can grow to heights of 50 feet in height and have a diameter at the stump of 2 feet, although for them to grow to that size in Langlade County is unusual.

-If you have soils that have sand down for miles, or are so gravelly that the Highway Department is knocking at your door asking if they can use the contents of your kids sandbox for gravel for the shoulders of the road, plant some Northern Pin Oak. Other trees that could grow in such a mess would be the Bur Oak, White Oak, Red Oak, Jack Pine, Red Pine, Eastern White Pine, and the Black Cherry.

-The Northern Pin Oak has to grow in full sun. It will grow moderately fast, but it is relatively short-lived, that is if you consider 150 years old to be short-lived.

-It gets its name because its acorn look like they wear pinstriped suits.

-The wood of the Northern Pin Oak is very heavy and hard, so if you are patient enough, you could have some nice firewood.

-Once again, if you have sandy or gravelly soils, and you want an acorn that will be a magnet for wildlife, the Northern Pin Oak is okay, but I recommend the Bur Oak and the White Oak over it, because the acorn is not as bitter tasting to wildlife.



**Study to be quiet.**

**-Charles A. Hall**