

White Oak

Quercus alba

-The White Oak is one of my favorite trees. It can grow to heights of 75 feet tall and have a diameter of 3 feet. The White Oak forms a short, thick trunk with stout, horizontal, far-reaching limbs. When the White Oak gets to be an old timer, it gets a really cool gnarled and twisted look. “Oh no”, you say, “I don’t want a gnarled looking tree on my property!” Well, don’t worry about it. The White Oak can live to be 500-600 years old, so by the time that it gets to be an old timer and therefore gnarly, we will have passed from the scene, but its majesty will still be around.

-The White Oak can be planted in full sun or partial shade, and is slow-growing. If you really want some trees that will be around forever, plant some White Oak, Swamp White Oak, Eastern Hemlock, Sugar Maple, Beechnut and Shagbark Hickory. However, White Oak does not grow in poorly drained sites and therefore will have to be planted higher upland.

-The White Oak does not grow much farther north than Langlade County, even though it likes mildly acidic to neutral soils. The White Oak is best planted as a seedling or in the spring as a burlap and ball tree or containerized tree from a reputable nursery.



To plant a tree is to believe in tomorrow.

-Author Unknown