Prairie Stature Oak

Quercus x bimundorum 'Midwest'



Prairie Stature Oak
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 40 feet

Spread: 30 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3

Description:

An exciting new hybrid bewteen bur oak and English oak, features emerald green leaves that turn reddish-purple in fall, stately pyramidal habit of growth; a surprisingly tough tree, ideal for shade, boulevards and parks

Ornamental Features

Prairie Stature Oak is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has emerald green deciduous foliage. The glossy lobed leaves turn an outstanding brick red in the fall. However, the fruit can be messy in the landscape and may require occasional clean-up.



Prairie Stature Oak in fall
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Landscape Attributes

Prairie Stature Oak is a deciduous tree with a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting squirrels to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Messy

Prairie Stature Oak is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade

Planting & Growing

Prairie Stature Oak will grow to be about 40 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 5 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 150 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations!

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.



Prairie Stature Oak in winter
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