

Black Oak

Quercus velutina

Also known as Yellow oak for its yellow-orange colored inner bark which has been used as a dye for cloth and for tanning leather.

The dark green leaves are soft and velvety on the back. The acorns have a cap that covers half of the nut.

Black Oak wood is used for fence posts, firewood, and railroad cross-ties.

These trees are important to wildlife as a source of food and shelter which benefits humans as well.

The Edwards Hairstreak (*Satyrus edwardsii*) butterfly needs this tree to reproduce. Oak leaves provide food for its caterpillar.

