

Water Oak

Quercus nigra

The Water Oak is one of the most common trees in this park. It grows and reproduces quickly and is often the most frequent tree in a stand of mixed oaks. It is a red oak that likes growing in wetlands and along streams.

Some say that the leaf looks like a large drop of water coming off the branch. Typically, the leaf resembles a spatula. Note that the leaves on Water Oak trees in this park are varied and not all alike.

The Water Oak grows in the Southeast region of the United States and is known by other names such as: spotted oak, duck oak, punk oak, orange oak or possum oak.

The Water Oaks produce many acorns, which serve as food for deer and squirrels.



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