

**Netleaf Oak**
Quercus rugosa

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 8a

Other Names: Mexican Netleaf Oak

Description:

An evergreen, shrubby small tree with a short trunk and a spreading round crown at maturity; interesting large oval leaves are glossy green above, and fuzzy yellow-green with distinct veins below; an excellent screening plant

Ornamental Features

Netleaf Oak is primarily valued in the landscape for its decidedly oval form. It has dark green foliage with chartreuse undersides. The glossy oval leaves remain dark green throughout the winter. However, the fruit can be messy in the landscape and may require occasional clean-up.

Landscape Attributes

Netleaf Oak is an evergreen tree with a shapely oval 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 should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. 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

Netleaf Oak is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening

Planting & Growing

Netleaf Oak will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 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 300 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations!



Netleaf Oak
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This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is native to parts of North America.