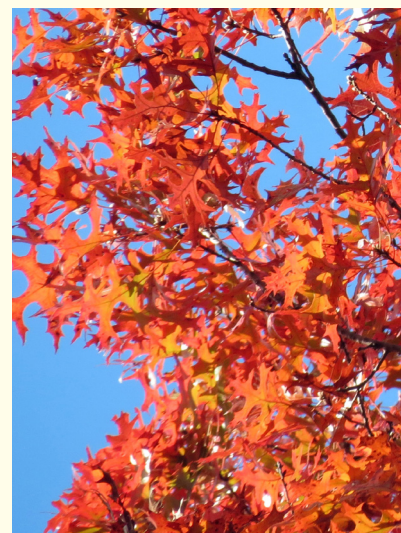


Scarlet Oak

Quercus coccinea



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Description

Typical height:
12-14 metres

Typical width:
12-14 metres

Growth rate:
Fast

Typical form:
Forms a broad domed to rounded canopy, symmetrical, and of moderate density.

Origin

Eastern Northern America

Characteristics

Simple lobed leaves are oval to oblong to 15cm long. Medium green turning a crimson to scarlet. Bark is grey, smooth at first becoming dark brown to black and narrow ridged with age. Flowers are inconspicuous, fruit an acorn, solitary or in pairs to 2.5cm long, taking 2 seasons on the tree to mature.

Tolerances

Less prone to chlorosis than pin oak (*Q. palustris*). Moderate drought and frost tolerance.

Facts and Trivia

Generally considered 'short-lived' though a specimen in the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne is at least 100 years old.

Specific name means scarlet.