TREE SPECIES FACT SHEET



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Chinkapin Oak (Quercus muehlenbergii)

★ Texas Native







Leaves & Acorn



Bark

Mature chinkapin oak nestled in a lush landscape

OVERVIEW

Chinkapin oaks are stately, native oak trees in the white-oak group. Their distinctive sawtoothed leaves, attractive light gray bark, and abundant shade make them a popular choice for North Texas landscapes. Their fall color runs yellow-bronze and the acorns are especially prized by wildlife.

They thrive in our region's limestone-heavy, alkaline soils, and they tolerate drought well once established. Because they are white oaks, chinkapin oaks are comparatively less susceptible (though not immune) to oak wilt, which is a plus for long-term resilience.

PROS

- Chinkapin oaks grow quickly, especially when they are young.
- Because it is a white oak, chinkapin oaks are generally less susceptible to oak wilt.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Chinkapin oaks can grow to be quite large: 50-90 ft. tall and 20-40 ft. wide.
- Acorn drop can be a nuisance near patios, pools, and walkways.