

## Southern Red Oak

Botanical Name: *Quercus falcata*

Pronunciation: KWERK-us fal-KAY-tuh



### **Fun Facts:**

- The Southern Red Oak has hairy winter buds (above)
- The hard, strong, light-red wood is in color, and is used for fence posts, fuel, lumber, furniture and flooring
- Songbirds, turkey, a variety of small mammals and deer eat the acorns
- Native Americans ate the acorns and used the southern red oak in a to treat indigestion, chapped skin, fever, asthma, and as an antiseptic and tonic for a wide range of illnesses.
- The Southern Red Oak is susceptible to injury by fire because of its thin bark