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## Swamp White Oak

### *Quercus bicolor*

**Description:** Native to the eastern United States, large stately tree has a broad, rounded, open crown of often-drooping branches. Its mature height is 50'- 60' with a trunk diameter of 2-3'. Considered one of the most handsome oaks.

**Leaves:** 4-7" long, 2-4 1/2" wide. Green and slightly shiny above, soft whitish hairs beneath; turning brown to red in fall.

**Bark:** Light gray; with large thin scales, becoming furrowed into plates.

**Acorns:** 3/4-1 1/4" long; egg-shaped; 1/3 or more enclosed by deep cup of many distinct scales, becoming light brown; usually 2 on long slender stalk, maturing first year.

**Habitat:** Tolerates drought, road salts, and soil compaction in urban areas. Hardiness zones 4-8 .

**Fun facts:** The Latin species name, meaning "two-colored," refers to the leaves, which are green above and whitish beneath. See an example of this tree in Wilmington at 5203 Swarthmore Road.

