Shumard Oak

Today on Gardening in a Minute: Shumard oak.

One of the largest oaks native to the Southeast, Shumard oak is a favorite among gardeners, thanks to its abundant summer shade and vivid fall color.

Shumard oak has a broad, open crown that gets more rounded as the tree gets older. Each tree can reach 75 to 100 feet in height.

One of the most attractive features of the tree is its traditional oak-shaped leaves, which turn a rich shade of red in the fall.

Shumard oak grows best in full sun and tolerates a wide range of soils. Like other oaks, it should be pruned properly when it’s young to help it develop a strong branch structure.

Planting a Shumard oak can also help make your yard more Florida-Friendly, since these trees produces large acorns that attract squirrels, deer, and other wildlife.

For more information about Shumard oak and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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