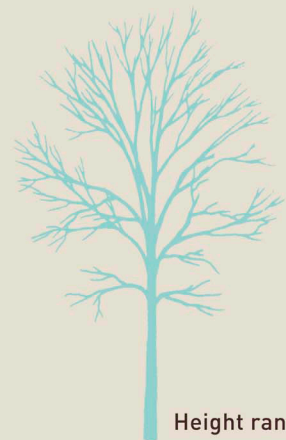


Leopard Spots



Fruit



Height range 80-100'



4-8"

Shumard Oak

Quercus shumardii

The Beech Family (Fagaceae)

Basic Description: Tall tree with broad, open crown; alternate, deciduous, shiny dark green leaves with 5 -9 bristled lobes; and reddish-gray bark either smooth or with small ridges.

Interesting Facts: Less common local red oak, also called Spotted or Leopard Oak because fallen leaves often have dark spots. Acorns are edible but have high tannin content. Tannins from multiple tree parts have been used for leather tanning and an astringent. Host to Horace's Duskywing Butterfly.

Flower: Male: long, light green clustered catkin: Female: single or paired on short stalk, appearing with the leaves.

Fruit: Single or paired egg-shaped acorn .75 - 1.5 " long with a shallow, bowl-shaped, scaly cap covering less than one-third of acorn.

Wildlife Value: Birds and mammals eat acorns and insects that are attracted to it; provides nesting sites and cover.

Habitat: Moist, upland forests and stream banks.

LEAF TYPE

SIMPLE



POLLINATOR

WIND



WILDLIFE VALUE

HIGH

