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The Bur Oak has a variably lobed leaf taking on a variety of shapes. Often it is broadest beyond the middle, and has at least one deeply indented lobe below the middle. Said to be shaped like a 'bass fiddle'.

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The acorn is often fully enclosed by a large cup (hence *macrocarpa*) which has a fringed lip. The acorn can be as large as 2 inches making it the largest of all the Oak acorns.

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The Bur Oak can grow to 80' with an equivalent spread. It has a thick gray, often scaly bark on a massive trunk. Stout branches give this tree an open broad crown.

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The Bur Oak is more common in the Midwest and extends its range into Canada. The common name refers to the burs on the fringe of the acorn cup. The alternate name, Mossycup, is a reference to the soft texture of the acorn's cup.

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