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Unlike the Chestnut Oak which has rounded, regularly undulating teeth, the Chinkapin Oak has more abruptly pointed teeth. This leaf is often widest beyond the middle, and then comes abruptly to a long point.

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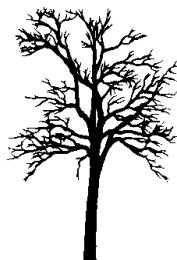
Yellow Chestnut Oak



A small acorn, less than an inch long, is capped by a cup which covers less than half the nut. The cap has many overlapping long scales.

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Because of its long branching behavior this tree can give an awkward, ungainly appearance. It can grow to 80 feet in size, and has a gray bark which becomes dark brown and fissured, but not as deeply furrowed as a Chestnut Oak.

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Henry Ernst Muehlenberg was an early American botanist (1753-1815) who worked primarily in Pennsylvania. The common name refers to the similarity of this leaf and that of the chinkapins or chestnuts in America.

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