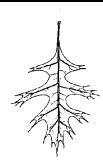
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The elliptical leaves are less than 6 inches long with 5-7 deep lobes nearly to the center of the leaf. Unlike the Scarlet Oak the pointed lobes seldom end with bristle-tipped teeth, and the base of the leaf is usually pointed.

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The acorn is small (one-half inch), round, and the cap is very shallow. It is light brown or sometimes striped. Smaller than the Scarlet Oak acorn, it also has a significantly smaller cap.

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The Pin Oak is distinguished by its horizontal branching structure, and the lower branches, if left unpruned, dip earthward. The young bark is dark gray, becoming fissured in broad ridges.

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The Pin Oak is named for the many short pin-like twigs which were once used as wooden pegs instead of nails. The tree has no tap root and is thus more easily transplanted.

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