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An unusual oak leaf, it is from 3-7 inches long, single pointed, with 12-16 parallel veins. Each vein extends beyond the leaf edge to form a thin bristle. Dry brown leaves stay attached all winter-long.

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The acorn is most unusual as the scales curve up in a variety of directions and, at maturity, cover two-thirds of the nut.

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The bark is furrowed even in young trees revealing the lighter colored inner bark. In older trees the furrows can become deep enough to give the trunk a corky appearance.

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A glance at the leaf edge makes it clear how the common name was derived. The leaf is similar to that of the chestnut, but it is usually smaller and narrower. This oak has been successfully used as a street tree as it grows straight, fast (for an oak), and is hearty.

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