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The leaves are 4-9 inches with 5-9 rounded lobes. These rounded lobes distinguish the White Oak from the pointed lobes of the Red Oak family. The leaves are bright green on top and much lighter green on the underside. Turning red-brown in autumn some leaves may stay attached in winter.

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The acorns are between 1/2 to over an inch long and egg shaped. They are capped with a shallow cup covering less than one-third of the nut.

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The bark is the lightest gray of all the oaks (hence its name) and opens to form loose plates and ridges. The tree has wide-spreading, stout and angular branches. It can grow to 100 feet or more.

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Squirrels will actively shake the high branches of the White Oak to dislodge the ripened acorns. They will quickly bury the nut and never find it again. The White Oak is the State Tree of Maryland.

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