

Sawtooth oak look alike

Sawtooth oak (*Quercus acutissima*) leaves are distinct from other *Quercus* species in Wisconsin. However, they are similar to American chestnut (*Castanea dentata*) leaves.



SAWTOOTH OAK leaves are oblong with a rounded base, 3 ½ - 7 ½" long, up to 2 ½" wide. Edges are serrated with bristle-like teeth on serrations. Leaves are **glossy dark green**, turn dull yellow or brown in fall.

Male flowers are drooping catkins. Female flowers inconspicuous. Fruit is an **acorn with cap covered in long recurving scales** that cover most of the nut.

AMERICAN CHESTNUT leaves are oblong with a rounded or wedge-shaped base, 4-9" long, up to 1 ½ -3" wide. Edges with large curved teeth; teeth with bristly tips. Upper leaf surface is yellow green to dark green, lower surface pale yellowish green to green.

Male flowers are drooping catkins, 4-10" long. Female flowers inconspicuous.

Fruit is a **nut surrounded by spiny husks**.