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OAK TREE- Acorn and Leaf Comparison

<p>Image: Bruce Kirchoff, flickr.com/photos/brucekirchoff/23871483188/</p>	<p>Red Oak: acorns are brown, round, and stumpy, and take more than one season to mature on the branch. The leaves are long and lobed, with sharply pointed tips.</p>	
<p>Image: Steve Hurrell @ USDA-NRCS PLANTS Database, Wikimedia Commons</p>	<p>White Oak: acorns are glossy, light brown, a longer oval with a pointed tip, longer than Red Oak acorns. The tree has long leaves with finger-like rounded lobes.</p>	
<p>Image: Bruce Kirchoff, flickr.com/photos/brucekirchoff/24212435556/</p>	<p>Burr Oak: very large acorns (1.5"), the largest of any oak tree. Acorns are grayish-brown with large hairy caps that cover most of the nut. The tree's leaves are large and leathery; lower lobes tend to be smaller than upper ones.</p>	
	<p>Swamp White Oak: small, dark acorns with a lightly-fringed cap covering about half the nut. They are tricky to find on the ground because deer and other critters love them so much. Tree leaves are large; the rounded lobes look more like rounded teeth rather than like fingers.</p>	

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