



Springboro Tree Farms

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Red Oak

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Quercus rubra*

FAMILY: Fagaceae

ORIGIN: North America

Quercus rubra, the northern red oak, is an oak tree in the red oak group. It is a native of North America, in the eastern and central United States and

southeast and south-central Canada.

The deer here – and apparently everywhere – love to eat Red Oak seedlings. And so do the rabbits.

In 2017, we planted 15 Red Oak inside a deer protection area and 15 more just outside that area as part of a DNR deer predation research project.



Within one year the trees inside the fence were thriving while all the seedlings outside the fence suffered severe browse damage. Within 18 months all the test trees outside the fence were gone. And since then only two have sprouted. Check it out if you have a moment. The test site is located near the Apiary just off highway 18.