

Quercus gambelii

Apache: Chi Chil Cho, **Havasupai:** Kummpi'i', **Navajo:** Tseh-Chel, **Gambel Oak**

H: 10'-30'

W: 10'-25'

Light: Full Sun

Water: Low

Temperature: -40F

Foliage: Green with glaucous underside. Shades of yellow, orange and red in fall

Flower: Yellow-green catkins

Native Range: Primarily found in Arizona, Chihuahua, Colorado, New Mexico, Sonora, and Utah with small populations in west Texas, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Idaho, and Nevada.

Description: The most common oak in the Rocky Mountains. It's very adaptable to different soils and moisture levels. Gambel Oak will grow taller with more moisture. In dry landscapes, it will get no taller than a large shrub.

Q. gambelii features attractive deeply lobed leaves which turn from green to shades of red, orange and yellow in the fall. Gambel oaks do not have any serious pest or disease problems, making them a very easy plant in the landscape. This oak does need space, as it has a tendency to spread from the roots to form thickets.

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