

Proclamation of Red Oak as the Official Tree of Dufferin County

Red oak has historically been part of the forest landscape in Dufferin County, but current management practices tend to favour tolerant hardwood species such as sugar maple and white ash over red oak.

Red oak has a wide range of values, both ecological (its acorn is a valuable food source for wildlife) and economic (high value lumber).

The County of Dufferin has, and will continue to, conduct such forest management activities as are appropriate to regenerate red oak in the Dufferin County Forest and the County will endeavour to increase the knowledge of Dufferin County residents about red oak and to encourage the planting of red oak within Dufferin County.

I now proclaim that red oak be known as the arboreal emblem of Dufferin County.