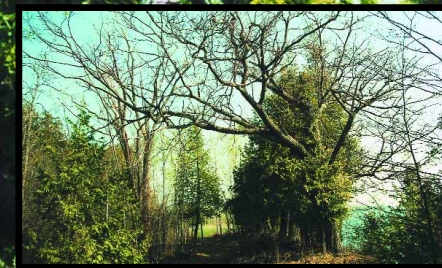


5. Northern Red Oak



Oaks form one of the largest groups of native American trees and have long been viewed as symbols of strength by Native Americans. The leaves of the Northern Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*) are sharply pointed, toothed and hairless. The acorn, which is the fruit of the oak serves as a favorite food of squirrels during the winter season.