

Garry oak (*Quercus garryana*)

NATIVE



FAST FACTS

- » In the United States, this tree species is also known as Oregon white oak.
- » Garry oak ecosystems are home to more plant species than any other terrestrial ecosystem in BC.
- » Garry oaks play an important role for Indigenous communities in the region where they could harvest berries, nuts, and camas.

Garry oak is the only species of oak that is native to British Columbia and are one of the most endangered ecosystems in Canada. Garry oak ecosystems are hot spots for biological diversity and support a wide variety of endangered plants, animal, and insect species. Sadly, due to the spread of invasive species and land development in British Columbia, less than 5% of original Garry oak habitat remains in near-natural condition. The best way to protect Garry oak ecosystems is to Play, Clean, Go your shoes, bikes, and pets to stop the spread of invasive species.