



**Starburst Japanese Tanbark Oak**  
*Lithocarpus edulis 'Starburst'*

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Other Names: Japanese Stone Oak, Tanoak

**Description:**

This variety matures into a medium sized tree with leathery, glossy green leaves with irregular golden yellow centers; can be maintained as an accent or screening plant; a nice color addition to the landscape

**Ornamental Features**

Starburst Japanese Tanbark Oak is primarily valued in the landscape for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. It has attractive yellow-variegated dark green foliage. The glossy pointy leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

**Landscape Attributes**

Starburst Japanese Tanbark Oak is a multi-stemmed evergreen tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds, bees and squirrels to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Starburst Japanese Tanbark Oak is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade
- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- Windbreaks and Shelterbelts
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens



*Starburst Japanese Tanbark Oak*  
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*Starburst Japanese Tanbark Oak foliage*  
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### **Planting & Growing**

Starburst Japanese Tanbark Oak will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 25 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 100 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations!

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.