

An Ode to **OAK**tober

October is oak awareness month in Illinois

(Sung to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")

Know, know, know your oaks

This is how they grow

Red Oak

White Oak

Bur Oak

Pin Oak

And acorns down below.

RED

One of the largest oaks, it can rise 125 feet tall!

WHITE

Pale bark gives it its name; rounded lobes identify its leaf.

1,041

= number of oak trees at the Chicago Botanic Garden

46

= number of oak species here

100+

= age of oldest oak at the Garden

We can't tell exactly how old the trees are without chopping them down and counting the rings. However, we are giving the oldest honor to a white oak (*Quercus alba*) in McDonald Woods near the Lake Cook Road entrance.

BUR

I.D. the acorn by its shaggy, deep cap.

PIN

Branches are cluttered with "pins" (twigs).

Download our **GardenGuide** app to find oaks around the Garden! Mmmmm, acorns.