

European or English Oak (*Quercus robur*)

Both make good bonsai subjects on condition that they are made to be about 50 cm tall because the leaves do not readily reduce in size. To be impressive, oak bonsai must have heavy trunks with a broad taper. This can only be obtained by growing the saplings in open ground until the desired effects are obtained, usually after five years. Whilst grown in open ground they must be lifted every year to prevent permanent rooting.