

Roverella (*Quercus pubescens*)

Scientific classification

Reign: [Plantae](#)

Division: [Magnoliophyta](#)

Class: [Magnoliopsida](#)

Order: [Fagales](#)

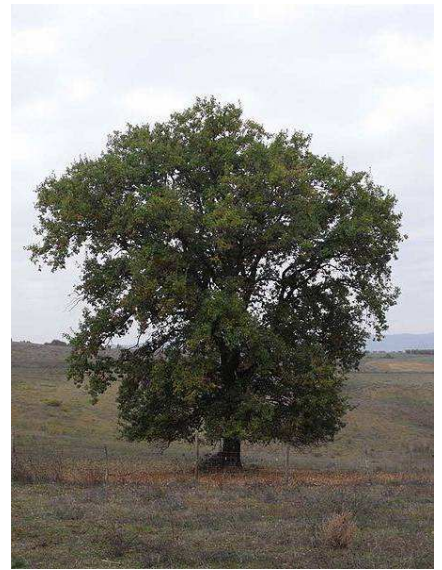
Family: [Fagaceae](#)

Gender: [Quercus](#)

Species: **Q. pubescens**

Tree

The Roverella, is the most common oak in Italy, so that it's simply called oak. Height of around 20 ms. Dense and emispheric head. Erect and flexuous trunk/log; hairy branches.



Leaves: simple, lobate of 5-10 cms; short and hairy stem. The dry leaves persist on the tree during the winter time

Bark: Dark grey bark with cracks in little rough plates.



Flowers: Unisexual fluorescences. The masculine flowers 5cms long are of green-yellowish color; while the female, solitary, in small groups. April-May is the blossom time.

Fruits: Oval acorns long up to 2 cms, with a dome that covers them for approx the half.



It is not appreciated and used as wood to burn, while it's part of the category of the hard firewood, having a good value calorifico and slow combustion. The acorns are sweet and they were not only used for feeding the pigs, but also in the period of scarcity of food, to make a kind of bread or piadina of acorn.