

## Silver Oak

**Botanical Name:** *Grevillea robusta*

**Family:** Proteaceae

**Common Name:** Savkku-mara or Silky Oak

**Hindi Name:** चांदी ओक

**Part Used:** Leaf, bark and Wood

*Grevillea robusta* is a fast-growing evergreen tree with a single main trunk, growing to 5–40 m (20–100 ft) tall. The bark is dark grey and furrowed. Its leaves are fern-like, 10–34 cm (4–10 in) long, 9–15 cm (4–6 in) wide and divided with between 11 and 31 main lobes. *Grevillea robusta*, is native to eastern coastal Australia. It's also known as Silky Oak or Southern Silky Oak. While called "Oak," it's not a true oak (*Quercus* genus) and doesn't produce acorns. Silver oak wood is primarily used for construction, furniture, and packaging purposes. It's also used in shuttering work, cricket bats, and as a support for climbers like pepper. It is also used for packaging, film shooting sets and for any other temporary uses. It is strong and has good nail holding capacity. The bark was traditionally used for tanning leather. Wine barrels are made of oak; these are used for aging alcoholic beverages such as sherry and whisky, giving them a range of flavours, colours, and aromas. In some regions, natives have used silver oak for treating various ailments, including sore throats, earaches, chest problems, flu, and toothaches.