



Fibrous root system  
of our #3 Quercus  
bicolor

**Ready to Go!**  
**Ready to Grow!**

And now for something completely different, Cynda and I recently took a trip to the South West. We noticed that different areas had different sorts of road kill. Northern Arizona was all about Skunks. Northern New Mexico had lots of Coyotes. Colorado had deer and Utah had lots of snakes. We also saw a Porkypine.

Western Oregon generally goes from Skunk to Raccoon to Opossum, depending on which population is high at the moment.

Do you have interesting road kill? If so, let us know, but please, no pictures.



## GroReady Liners

If you have any white in your hair, you have been through a few economic downturns. Fortunately, since the early 80's, those downturns have been minor, and we have had a pretty good ride. We will all have to tighten our belts for a while, but it will come back!

One bright spot at Robinson Nursery has been the reception to our #3 container liners. Our customers were asking for container grown liners of hard to transplant trees: Oaks, Elms, and others. We are trying to fill that demand.

Container growing is very different from bare root growing, and we have had a steep learning curve.

What has been encouraging is the way the trees have responded to being container grown.

We stake and tie for straight trunks. To produce a superior root system, we have been experimenting with air pruning pots. After trying several, we have settled on the PACC container from Tritech Industries for producing the best root system. If the tree is left in the other pots a little too long, the roots start to encircle, but not in the PACC. We are in the transition process to these pots.

These trees are going to be similar to the bare root trees you have been planting. Because they have an intact, superior root

system, they will perform better than bare root planted in the field. These trees will also fit very nicely in a #10 container or #10 pot in pot system.

Most important, hard-to-transplant varieties will survive, where bare root trees have struggled.

Fall planting is also possible with container trees. They get a really good start, and you will have just that much less to do come your busy spring.

