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# *Quercus rubra* (Aurea Group) 'Evenley Gold'

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About 30 years ago, walking in Philippe de Spoelberch's lovely arboretum at Wespelaar in Belgium, I picked up several acorns beneath his golden oak tree. All the IDS members who were with me told me that I was wasting my time as it had to be grafted, but being middle aged ignorant and obstinate, I persisted. The result was six out of the ten seedlings which I germinated were gold. I have three in my garden but only one is really good. For once, I planted it in the right place. *Quercus* 'Evenley Gold' holds its golden colour into August and then about eight weeks later turns a splendid autumn red.