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A Gourmand's Review of Southern Backyard Cuisine

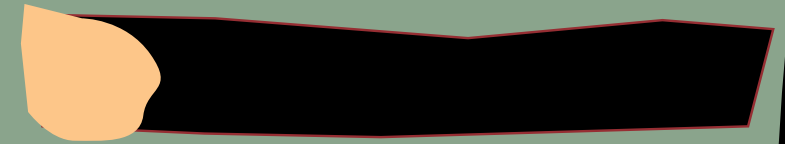
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Not only is the backyard a lovely place to sit and spend the afternoon, but to the discriminating canine, the Southern yard is a treasure trove of tasty treats, just a few of which I review here.

Pine (Loblolly) log

Often variable in flavor, tangy and sweet with a hint of resin, the lowly Loblolly is Paw-fect on hot summer afternoons.



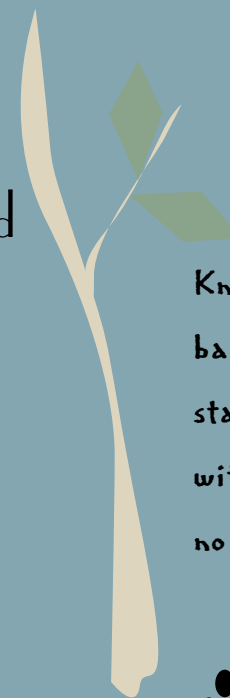
Red Oak

Robust and full, rich with tannins and a lingering aftertaste that only comes with age, Red Oak remains a sturdy dinner treat!



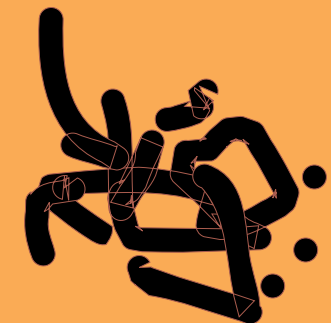
Dogwood

Known for its smooth bark, this Southern staple is light, fruity with little or no aftertaste....



Yard Truffles (le terre trouffe)

Ah, and never underestimate the fecund pleasure of these tasty and often unidentifiable nuggets! Earthy, peasant food for the hardest gourmet!



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