

Coast Live Oak

Quercus agrifolia



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large tree



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plantmaster

traits

- Evergreen
- 25–75 ft tall by 15–35 ft wide
- Full sun to part shade
- Mature trees should get no summer water
- Highly variable in form; younger trees are often shrubby
- Dark green, holly-like leaves
- Crown is broadly rounded and dense
- Flowers (catkins) are produced in early to mid-spring
- Produces a prolific crop of acorns about 7–8 months after pollination
- Prefers shaded roots; add mulch or smaller native plants under it
- Best to prune during July or August when the trees are not growing
- Oaks are among the most important wildlife plants
- Susceptible to sudden oak death disease