

# *Notholithocarpus (Lithocarpus) densiflorus* Tanbark Oak



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SHRUB/TREE, evergreen

To 80' high, 50' foliage spread.

Slow growing.

Leaves dark green, ridged.

Separate male and female flowers — June to October.

Fruit matures in 2 years.

Native habitat: redwood and mixed evergreen forest — coastal ranges from southern Oregon south to around San Luis Obispo — below 5000.'

Full to part shade. Frost hardy.

Needs soil with high organic content and good drainage.

Needs little care, but is susceptible to sudden oak death.

Good for butterflies. Deer resistant.

Not a true oak, although it does bear acorns.

