Quercus engelmannii

Engelmann Oak, Mesa Oak





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TREE - evergreen, but can be briefly deciduous (cold or drought). 20 - 40' high, 25'+ spread. Open, spreading with rounded canopy. Angular branches.

Blue-green foliage. Smooth, flat or wavy leaves. Flowers (catkins) inconspicuous, followed by acorns.

Native habitat: southern oak woodland; dry fans and foothills below 4000' - southeastern Los Angeles County to northwestern Baja California.

Full sun. Frost resistant.
Well-drained soil.
Little/no water after second dry season.
Do not overwater, especially near trunk.

Good specimen, shade or street tree. Attracts bird and butterflies.

RARE — CNPS List: 4.2

(Limited distribution - Watch List. Fairly endangered in California.)



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