

*Quercus palmeri*

## Desert Oak, Palmer's Oak

SHRUB OR SMALL TREE - evergreen.

6 - 9' (to 18') high, twigs spreading.

Branches reddish brown.

Stiff, leathery leaves have wavy edges with sharp spine teeth.

Upper sides olive green and under side gray green with hairs.

Flowers April to May. Acorns blunt-ended, 0.75 to 1.25" long and in a hairy cap 1" wide.

Native habitat: Rocky slopes and flats - 1000' - 5000' - Inner North Coast Range, South Coast Ranges, Desert Mountains to Arizona and Baja California.

Full sun. Drought tolerant.

Needs good drainage.

Suitable for xeriscaping.

Hybridizes with *Quercus chrysolepis*.

Good wildlife habitat.

