

Quercus agrifolia

Coast Live Oak

LARGE TREE - evergreen.
20 - 40'+ high. Spreading crown.
Small dark leaves - cupped with
prickly edges.
Pollen-producing flowers in pale
yellowish catkins in spring. Tiny
female flowers in leaf axis.
Long, slender acorns.



Native habitat: chaparral, riparian,
southern oak and foothill wood-
land - valleys and not too dry
slopes below 3000' - throughout
California.



Full sun. Frost resistant.
Water regularly during dry seasons
until well established then little or
none. Try to avoid wetting trunk.

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Beautiful specimen tree. Can grow to 30 feet
or more in about 15 years.
Acorns attract birds and small animals.
Growing near a lawn is likely to shorten the
tree's life.

