

California Live Oak (alt. Coast live oak)

Scientific name: Quercus agrifolia

Growth habit: Shrub or tree

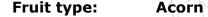
(to 85 feet)

Duration: Perennial

Light preference: Full sun

Soil preference: Dry (variable

strata, see notes) Photo courtesy of Donald Owen, California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection at forestryimages.org



Plant associates: Live oak has a variety of plant associates specific to

region and plant communities. It occurs with other oaks (blue, black, valley), with California bay, ceanothus, chamise, Western sycamore, manzanita and many others.

Notes: An important species in several California plant communities.

Drought tolerant, hardy, often with wide spread. In different regions, Quercus agrifolia is found to grow in sandy soil, clay, loam or shaley clay-loam. It provides acorns and excellent hunting opportunities for insectivores. Recent diebacks have occurred due to Sudden Oak Death so adding to home

landscape will help to restore tree populations.

Native range: California

