



Live Oak

Quercus virginiana

Native to most areas in Texas, live oak is at the top of the list of quality shade trees. They have a dense canopy with elliptical leaves, 2-5 inches long. The leaf tends to be dark green, stiff and leathery. Totally evergreen in the southern two-thirds of the state, it is somewhat deciduous in north Texas. Technically live oaks are not actually evergreens because they drop their leaves and flush new leaves each spring. However, in the south half of Texas they retain leaves all but one or two weeks per year. Acorns mature in the fall.

There is a great amount of variability in live oaks. Choose one with a habit you like. Look for one with 45 degree angles on the main branches. This tree does not tend to have a strong leader branch; it is more spreading than upright. Live oaks live for hundreds of years.

Common Names: Coastal Live Oak, South-ern Live Oak, Escarpment Live Oak

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AT A GLANCE

Height	50'
Width	40' - 60'
Flower Color	Catkins
Flower Season	Feb - Apr
Water	Moderate
Growth Rate	Medium
USDA Zone(s)	7 - 10

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